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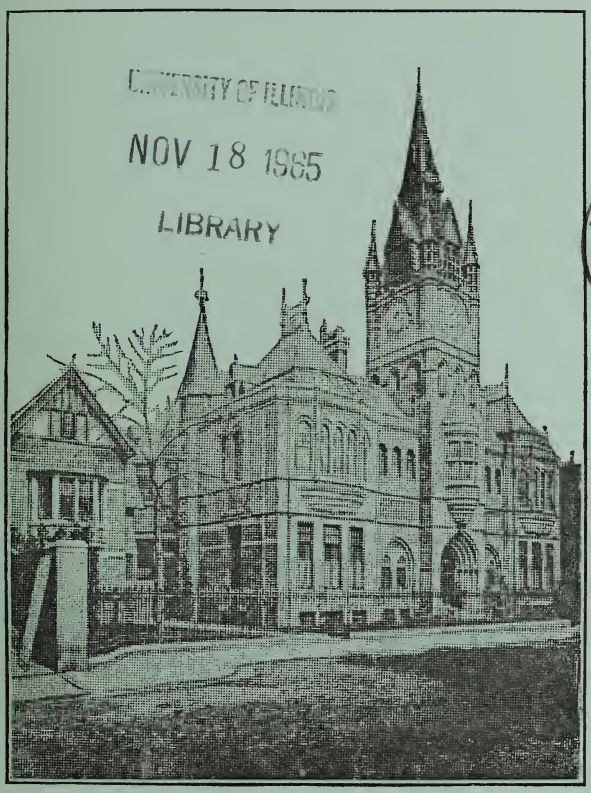

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TWENTIETH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Free Library and Museum Committee,

For the Year ended Sept. 30th, 1891.

THE Free Library and Museum Committee present their Twentieth Annual Report to the Town Council with very great pleasure, and are glad to be able to speak of the prosperity of the Institution under their charge as continuous and progressive.

The year just closed has not seen the inauguration of anything new in connection with the work of the Library and Museum, but the Committee have had steadily in view the important part the Institution plays in the intellectual life of the town, and have endeavoured to make its attractiveness and usefulness keep pace with the ever-growing requirements of the time. No fewer than 1,512 new books have been added to the Library, of which 1,136 are quite new, and 376 are replacements. Of the new books, 254 have been placed in the Reference department, many of them Scientific works of great value, and the addition of works bearing on Technical Education has not been lost sight of, and will be carefully looked after as time progresses.

The Committee are glad to report the Building to be in a good state of repair. No painting and cleaning have been necessary during the past year, except to the houses of the Librarian and Porter, but there have been several important items of expenditure. The remodelling of the Heating Apparatus at a cost of £90, remedied a very unsatisfactory state of things, and the building is now comfortably warmed throughout. The re-lighting of the Reading Room is responsible for a cost of £61, but the excellent result justifies the expense, and probably nothing better can be obtained

till it becomes possible to light the whole building with the electric light. The Committee will be very glad when that time arrives, so that the public may be able to read by a better light, in a purer atmosphere. The Committee will also then be able to devote much of the money now spent on cleaning and bookbinding to other objects of the Institution.

It will be noticed, on reference to the subjoined accounts, that the Committee have, during the past year, been able to set apart the last instalment of £100, towards the repayment of the £500, which was borrowed for special purposes when the Institution was founded. This is a matter for much congratulation, for the Committee are not only relieved of the debt, but have no longer to provide for the yearly interest. The establishment charges are about normal, and have been kept as low as is compatible with efficiency, the only important addition being the connection of the building with the National Telephone Exchange, which, beside being a great convenience, is an additional security in case of fire. When the amount voted to the Book Committee is all expended, nearly £600 will be found to have been devoted exclusively to the Library, a department which the Committee deem to be the most important of all they have in charge.

The Chief Librarian's report, and the exhaustive statistics which accompany it, will give any additional particulars which may be required as to the inner work of the Library. To the numerous donors whose generous gifts from time to time increase the value of the Institution, the Committee desire to tender their hearty thanks, and they wish once more to place on record their entire satisfaction with the way in which the various members of the staff discharge their duties. At their meeting this day, they took into consideration an application from the Chief Librarian, and unanimously resolved to raise his salary from £200 to £240 per annum.

On behalf of the Committee,

WILLIAM HOBSON,

CHAIRMAN.

November 2nd, 1891.

To the Chairman and Members of the Derby Free Library and Museum Committee.

GENTLEMEN,

I have much pleasure in submitting to you my Sixth Annual Report.

The Lending Library now contains 16,160 books, against 15,594 last year, and the total issues have amounted to 133,594, against 129,269. The daily average has risen from 493 to 518. Of new books we have added 882, and we have also replaced 376 of the 669 volumes withdrawn as worn out. Fourteen volumes have been lost and paid for, four totally lost, and five books coming from infected houses have been destroyed. I can again report favourably as to the way in which, for the most part, the books are used, and considering the enormous circulation, and the fact that the readers, as shown in Table VI., come from all classes of the population, there is very little to complain of.

The Reference Library stock now amounts to 9,322 works against 9,079 last year, 254 books having been added, and 11 withdrawn as worn out. The issues amount to 13,520, against 17,380, and the daily average stands at 47 instead of 59. The reduction in these figures is occasioned by the temporary withdrawal of the bound volumes of illustrated magazines, and I am glad to report that there is no reduction in the numbers of those readers who consult the more valuable portions of the Library; but, on the contrary, a large increase of *students*, as opposed to those who come merely to look at pictures, or to pass an idle hour. The University of Cambridge has lent some of the more valuable books used as text books for the courses of University extension lectures, and we have added all the others necessary, and the text books kindly presented by the University Correspondence College are also very largely consulted. The new books added have all been carefully chosen, and include many of the most recent and valuable works on Science and Art.

The number of new borrowers added during the year is about normal, and the number of cards cancelled considerably less than the average. The number of overdue books which have had to be written for, again shows a gratifying diminution, and that the privilege of bespeaking books by the payment of one penny is appreciated is shown

by the fact that 1,004 books were so bespoken. Our Library stock now shows a percentage of 27.05 to the population, a proportion which compares very favourably with other towns, and the annual turnover of each volume is about the same as last year. I hope on some future occasion to lay before you the number of books in actual use, as there is no doubt that many books are so much dead weight on the shelves, and might fairly, having served their turn and got out of date, give way for others.

I follow the precedent of the last two years and show here in a table the districts from which the last thousand borrowers come:—

WARD.	Actual Number of Borrowers.	Number according to Population.
Arboretum...	117	155
Babington	145	126
Becket	233	183
Castle	65	120
Derwent	61	64
Friar Gate	152	113
King's Mead	112	150
Litchurch	115	89

The second column shows the number that might reasonably be expected per thousand according to proportion of householders. From this it will be seen that Babington, Becket, Friar Gate and Litchurch Wards again furnish considerably more than their share of readers, Derwent Ward is about normal, and the remaining Wards furnish less than their fair proportion, Castle Ward being remarkably low.

The News Rooms are more largely used than ever, and I have not had a single cause of complaint as to the behaviour of those who frequent them. Indeed, in every part of the Institution, the public show ready compliance with the rules, and I do not know of a single unpleasant circumstance arising from their enforcement. The average daily number of visitors to the building is not less than 1,500, and on Mondays, Fridays, and Saturdays, it is far more. The visitors for the year just closed fall little short of half a million.

The Museum is, I am sorry to say, still in an unfinished state. The Conchological collection has been arranged and labelled, and the

Geological collection has all been gone through and named by Mr. J. W. Carr, M.A., to whom my warmest personal thanks are due for much help and advice. Specimens wanted to complete a typical Palæontological collection have been purchased by the Committee, and the re-arrangement is being pushed on as rapidly as possible. My best efforts shall be given to its early completion.

The usual tables will be found appended to this Report, to which I beg to refer all those who wish for more detailed information.

It only remains for me to express my entire satisfaction with the way in which the various members of the Staff discharge their duties. No Institution could be better served. Of those who have been long in your service, I need only say that their zeal and fidelity are undiminished, and those more recently appointed are no less satisfactory. I desire again to recognise the valuable help given to the Institution by the entire Press of the town, and to once more express my own personal obligations to the Chairman and every member of the Committee for the ready help and co-operation I have always received in every department of my work.

I remain, Gentlemen,

Obediently yours,

W. CROWTHER,

LIBRARIAN AND CURATOR.

November 2nd, 1891.

NINTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Corporation Art Gallery Committee.

THE Art Gallery Committee have much pleasure in presenting their Ninth Annual Report. The Gallery has been open on 253 days, and the numbers attending, as compared with the two previous years are shown in the following table:—

	1888-9.	1889-90.	1890-91.
Visitors to Autumn Exhibition	13095	12776	15842
,, Spring ,, ...	7990	12540	30799
,, Summer ,, ...	6874	5958	10045
Total Visitors	27959	31274	56686
Total Days Open by Payment	217	206	209
,, ,, Free	45	43	44
Total Days Open	262	249	253
Average on Paying Days	65	70·7	82·6
,, Free Days	307·7	388·5	477·7

The large numbers opposite the Spring Exhibition are accounted for by the fact, that some nineteen thousand persons passed the turnstiles during the four days on which the casket and addresses presented to Her Majesty the Queen were on view. These abnormally high numbers have been left out in calculating the daily averages, and excluding them from the total visitors, we should still have a grand total of 37,475, or some six thousand in advance of last year. The average daily attendance has also steadily increased, that on the free day by more than 20 per cent. The highest attendance on a free day was 10,696 on May 19th, and on a paying day, 3,914 on May 20th, on both of which days the Royal gifts were on view. Excluding these, the highest attendances were 838 on August 4th for a free day, and 373 on March 28th, when admission was by payment.

There is a small increase in the sum required to meet the deficiency this year, which is due to various causes. Painting and thoroughly cleaning the building have absorbed £45, and the medals for the Photographic Exhibition, £23, while the amount received as commission on picture sales is only £18 against £37. The establishment charges have varied but little, and the expenses connected with the organisation of the Exhibitions have been less. The picture sales realized £360, about the same as in 1889. The Committee have worked the Art Gallery as economically as possible, and think that its increasing popularity and usefulness may well be pleaded as a set-off against its small cost.

The Autumn Exhibition contained some admirable pictures, and the Art Union in connection with it realized £111 16s., rather more than the previous year.

In the Spring Exhibition, a new departure was made by the addition of a good collection of pictures by continental artists, which gave considerable interest to the Exhibition. In connection with this Exhibition, the Committee have again to acknowledge the kindness of Messrs. Henry Graves and Son, the eminent printsellers of Pall Mall, who lent a choice collection of original paintings from their well-known art treasures.

The Summer Exhibition consisted of Photographs. The collection was not a large one, but was very choice, some of the best artists in the kingdom exhibiting. It was a matter of much congratulation to the Committee, that our local artists, both professional and amateur, held their own well in a very keen competition, and secured some of the best awards. The thanks of the Committee are specially due to the distinguished men who gave their services as judges, Capt. W. de W. Abney, R.E., C.B., F.R.S. and W. England, Esq. A series of photographs of Derby children in fancy dress as they appeared at a ball given by the Mayor and Mayoress, added much interest to this Exhibition.

The Autumn Exhibition now in progress was opened on Sept. 15th, and bids fair to outrival in popularity all its predecessors. It has already been visited by 9,500 persons, and the sales of pictures reach £229. His Worship the Mayor (Sir Alfred Haslam, Kt., J.P.), gave the usual Conversazione on October 21st, when about a thousand guests accepted an invitation "to meet Mr. Felix Joseph." The gathering was an exceedingly pleasant one, and the Committee desire to thank his Worship both for this, and for many other tokens of the interest he has taken in the Institution.

The collection of objects lent by South Kensington Museum was changed as usual in December last. Suggestions made by your Committee as to the objects desirable for loans were as usual readily met by the Museum authorities, and the selection of textiles, leather-work, Oriental pottery, and electrotypes have proved very valuable to art students, who have made good use of their opportunities for studying and copying these fine examples, and applying the knowledge thus gained to the manufactures of the town.

The sixth series of Saturday Evening Concerts was given during last winter. Sixteen concerts were given between Nov. 1st and March 28th. They were attended by 2,482 persons, and cost about £12. The amount received in admission fees was £31 0s. 6d., so that they yielded a profit of £19. The Committee's hearty thanks are due to the Curator, and to those ladies and gentlemen who so cheerfully give their services in providing these pleasant evenings, which already number 109, and have resulted in placing £160 to the credit of the Art Gallery funds.

Any report on the Art Gallery would be incomplete without a special reference to the continued liberality of Mr. Felix Joseph. Whereas last year we had to report that the collection so generously presented by him numbered about 350 specimens, we have to announce the receipt during the past year of more than a hundred additional specimens, the whole collection now numbering 452 pieces. It contains examples of every period of the manufacture, and specimens of almost every type of article made; and is in every sense what the generous donor intends, a typical collection of Derby ceramics. It will in course of time be completely and exhaustively labelled, so as to be of real value to the collector and the student of ceramic art, as well as interesting to the general public. The Corporation, on October 21st, in public meeting assembled, presented Mr. Joseph with an illuminated address, and a handsome vase, decorated with the Borough Arms and other emblems, and specially made by the Royal Crown Derby Works. The address was signed by the Mayor, the Chairman of the Library Committee, the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Curator of the Art Gallery. The meeting was a most successful one, His Worship the Mayor gave an admirable address, the formal vote of thanks to Mr. Joseph was moved by Mr. Alderman Hobson, J.P. and seconded by Mr. Alderman Sowter, J.P., and Mr. Joseph made a most genial and telling speech in response to the presentation. In the evening of the same day, Mr. Joseph attended the Conversazione already referred to. The Committee can only reiterate their hearty thanks to Mr. Joseph

for his magnificent gift, which he has promised to still further supplement as opportunity arises, and to again express the hope that his example may stimulate others to like acts of generosity in the cause of art.

In conclusion, the Committee think that the present state of the Art Gallery is matter for congratulation. It has for the last few years been steadily advancing in public estimation. The periodical Exhibitions stand well in the eyes of the art world, and the Institution is growing in usefulness and popularity in the town. Much of its success is owing to the well-directed exertions and zeal of the Curator, which the Committee are glad to take this opportunity of acknowledging. The Committee echo the expressed wish of Mr. Felix Joseph, and will be glad when the time comes for making the Gallery entirely free, and so open its benefits to a larger public, but until that time comes, they beg to assure the Council that no effort shall be wanting on their part to carry out the work of the Art Gallery efficiently, thoroughly, and economically.

On behalf of the Committee,

W. BEMROSE,

CHAIRMAN.

Nov. 2nd, 1891.

TABLE I.

LENDING DEPARTMENT.

LIBRARY STOCK.

CLASS.	1 No. of Volumes in Library September, 1890.	2 Volumes lost and paid for.	3 Volumes from Infected Houses Destroyed.	4 Volumes Totally Lost.	5 Volumns Withdrawn as worn out.	6 Total.	Stock Reduced as per Column 6.	No. of Books Replaced.	No. of New Books.	Present Library Stock, 1891.	Total Increase in each Class.	Percentage of Books in each Class.
Arts and Sciences	1454	...	...	...	2	2	1452	...	109	1561	107	9.66
Law and Politics	199	...	...	...	...	...	199	...	6	205	6	1.27
Natural History	346	...	...	...	1	1	345	...	17	362	16	2.24
Poetry and Drama	508	...	...	...	3	3	505	...	43	548	40	3.39
Theology and Philosophy ...	774	...	...	...	...	...	774	...	36	810	36	5.01
Light Literature	5821	14	5	3	612	634	5187	371	367	5925	104	36.66
History, Travels, & Biography	5070	...	...	...	12	12	5058	2	209	5269	199	32.61
Miscellaneous	1422	...	...	1	39	40	1382	3	95	1480	58	9.16
Totals	15594	14	5	4	669	692	14902	376	882	16160	566	100.00

TABLE II.

LENDING DEPARTMENT.

Showing the Monthly Issue in each Class, the Number of Days the Library was Open, the Total Volumes Issued, and the Daily Average.

MONTH.	No. of Days Open.	Science and Art.	Politics and Commerce.	Natural History.	Theology and Philosophy.	Poetry and Drama.	Fiction.	History, Biography, and Travel.	Miscellaneous.	Total.	Daily Average of Volumes.
1890.											
October	24½	275	9	57	79	109	10479	630	613	12251	500
November	23	263	13	50	80	115	10569	747	579	12416	539
December	20	184	12	32	47	98	8826	578	525	10302	515
1891.											
January	25	241	18	58	68	135	11389	722	625	13256	530
February	22	290	18	70	55	117	10443	656	589	12238	556
March	19½	263	13	49	59	131	10340	692	588	12135	622
April	23½	250	19	52	70	95	11165	580	633	12864	547
May	21½	162	7	53	62	89	10191	536	613	11713	545
June	24	192	8	42	63	100	10217	489	597	11708	488
July	9	63	9	16	15	30	3452	139	181	3905	434
August	22	217	9	43	39	79	8122	394	503	9406	427
September	23½	257	10	58	56	84	9913	474	548	11400	485
Totals	257½	2657	145	580	693	1182	115106	6637	6594	133594	518

TABLE III.

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

LIBRARY STOCK.

CLASS.	No. of Vols. in Library, September, 1890.	Vols. withdrawn, worn out.	Additions during the year.	Present Library Stock, 1891.
Arts and Sciences	1741	...	62	1803
Law and Politics	230	...	3	233
Natural History	505	...	16	521
Poetry and Drama	155	...	2	157
Theology and Philosophy	263	...	8	271
Light Literature	63	...	...	63
History, Travels, Biography, etc.	1526	...	71	1597
Miscellaneous	1213	11	45	1247
Devonshire Library	1190	...	8	1198
Patent Library	2193	...	39*	2232
Total	9079	11	254	9322

Pamphlets not included in the above.

* Patents now received singly, and not at present included.

TABLE IV.

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

SHOWING THE MONTHLY ISSUE IN EACH CLASS, THE NUMBER OF DAYS THE LIBRARY WAS OPEN, THE TOTAL VOLUMES ISSUED, AND THE DAILY AVERAGE.

Month.	No. of Days Open.	Science and Art.	Politics and Commerce.	Natural History.	Theology and Philosophy.	Poetry and Drama.	Fiction.	History, Biography, and Travel.	Miscellaneous.	Patent Library.	Books for Blind.	Devonshire Library.	Total.	Daily Average of Volumes.
1890.														
October	26½	389	11	96	41	11	154	288	807	13	...	...	1810	68
November...	25	495	12	69	44	27	69	315	768	...	...	5	1804	72
December...	20½	257	13	44	30	28	70	180	446	6	...	...	1074	52
1891.														
January.....	27	502	10	68	38	25	129	322	562	30	...	...	1686	63
February....	24	416	26	96	46	23	155	263	93	185	...	...	1303	54
March	21	307	15	44	13	26	89	270	77	60	...	...	901	43
April.....	26	352	7	77	14	18	89	246	107	7	...	...	917	35
May.....	23	231	8	21	13	36	58	194	88	29	...	...	678	29
June	26	188	13	23	11	54	71	170	86	44	...	...	660	25
July	16	114	7	13	21	14	61	60	69	39	...	...	398	25
August.....	24	299	16	69	42	58	116	234	147	91	...	3	1075	44
September...	26	383	28	102	42	21	131	197	182	112	...	16	1214	47
Totals	285	3933	166	722	355	341	1192	2739	3432	616	...	24	13520	47

TABLE V.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Month.	No. of New Borrowers.		No. of Cards Cancelled.	No. of Overdue Books written for.	No. of Books Re-bound.	No. of Books Repaired and Numbered.
	Males.	Females.				
1890.						
October	94	51	3	46	...	507
November	97	48	3	17	...	344
December	40	28	2	48	...	412
1891.						
January	85	30	2	64	...	406
February	69	38	3	36	...	232
March	55	31	3	24	...	90
April	63	33	7	60	...	337
May	49	22	6	53	307	182
June	61	25	3	102	56	90
July	13	3	9	...	270	860
August	64	28	6	...	...	77
September	69	45	...	21	56	73
Totals	759	382	47	471	689	3610

Approximate Total No. of Borrowers' Tickets now in force ... 7,500

TABLE VI.

Occupations of the Last Thousand of the New Borrowers.

Agents and Collectors	8
Apprentices and Shop Assistants	18
Architect	1
Artists, Draughtsmen, and Designers	9
Bakers and Confectioners ...	5
Barmaids	2
Basket Maker	1
Boiler Makers	5
Bookbinders, Printers, and Compositors	20
Booksellers and Stationers ...	3
Boot and Shoe Makers ...	4
Brass Founders	3
Bricklayers and Masons ...	2
Brush Makers	1
Builders, Carpenters, Joiners, Cabinet Makers, and Upholsterers	19
Butchers	4
Carriage Builders	12
Carters	2
Chemists and Druggists ...	5
Clergymen and Ministers ...	7
Clerks and Book Keepers ...	86
Commercial Travellers ...	4
Cook	1
Cooper	1
Curator	1
Currier	1
Cutlers	2
Domestic Servants	13
Drapers	17
Electricians	5
Engineers, Moulders, Smiths, Fitters, and Engine Drivers	52
Errand and Office Boys ...	40
Factory Hands	22
Fishmongers	2
Gardeners and Greengrocers ...	2
Grocers and Provision Dealers ...	16
Grooms and Coachmen ...	4
Hairdressers	2
Hardware Dealer	1
Housekeepers	8
Inland Revenue Officers ...	7
Inspectors	3
Labourers	29
Laundress	1
Managers	5
Medical Practitioners	3
Merchant	1
Messengers	2
Millers	2
Milliners and Dressmakers ...	31
Musicians	6
Nurses	2
Optician	1
Pattern Makers	4
Painters, Paperhangers, &c. ...	14
Paper Stainers	2
Plumbers and Glaziers ...	2
Policemen	3
Porcelain Painters	2
Porters (General)	6
Postman	1
Publicans and Brewers ...	3
Railway Employés	17
Sawyers	2
Scholars and Students	140
Sister of Mercy	1
Soldiers	3
Solicitor	1
Stewards	2
Surgical Bandage Makers ...	2
Sweep	1
Tailors, Hosiers, etc.	13
Teachers and Pupil Teachers ...	46
Telegraphists	4
Timber Merchant	1
Tobacconist	1
Turners	13
Type Founder	1
Waiters	3
Watchmen	2
Watchmakers and Jewellers ...	6
Wheelwrights	2
Yeast Manufacturer	1
No Occupation	197
	1,000

TABLE VII.

GENERAL SUMMARY.

COMPARATIVE RETURNS.

	1890.	1891.
Lending Library Replacements	340	376
New Books	858	882
Total Books	15594	16160
„ Issues	129269	133594
Average Daily Issue	493	518
Turnover of each Volume	8.3	8.27
Reference Library:		
New Books	322	254
Total Books	9079	9322
„ Issues	17380	13520
Average Daily Issue	59	47
New Borrowers	1168	1141
Total Borrowers (approximate)	6500	7500
Numbers of Works issued per Borrower ...	19.89	17.81
Cards Cancelled	71	47
Overdue Books written for	515	471
Books Rebound and Repaired	4054	4299

GENERAL DATA.

Population (Census, 1891)	94,496
Rateable Value (Sept., 1891)	£392,198
Amount of Rate Levied	ONE PENNY
Amount produced by Rate	£1,555
Library Stock	27.05 PER CENT. OF POPULATION

Donations to the Library.

Agent General for Victoria, The—Official Record Centennial Exhibition, Melbourne, 1889-90.

Agent General for Tasmania—The Australian Year Book for 1891.

Blake, Mr. W. F.—A General View of Positivism.

Brassey, Lord—A Voyage in the Sunbeam.

British Museum, Trustees of—Reproductions of Drawings by Old Masters, Part II., and three Autotypes, "Elgin Marbles."

Cassell & Co., Messrs.—Cassell's Illustrated Almanac and Companion for 1891.

Chalmers, Mr. P.—Robert Wallace, M.P., and James Chalmers, the Scottish Postal Reformers.

Chief Librarian, Free Public Library, Rochdale, Catalogue and Supplement.

Cobden Club, Committee of—Various Pamphlets.

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REGISTRAR, DURHAM UNIVERSITY—Calendar for 1891.

ROE, MR. T., M.P.—6 copies, Studies in English History; 2 copies, Uncrowned Queens.

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YEATMAN, MR. JOHN PYM, Q.C.—Feudal History of the County of Derby; Vol. 2; Sections iv. and vii.

Donations to the Museum.

Brooke, Mr. Joseph—Old Map of Derby, dated 1610.

Chancellor, Master—Birds' Eggs.

Court, Mr. S.—Native Bow and Arrows from Erromanga.

Holme, Mr. John—Specimens of Quartz and other South African Minerals.

Holme, Mrs.—Kaffir Bracelets.

Kerry, Rev. C.—Ancient British Quern.

Onions, Mrs.—Skulls of Horse, Dog, Baboon.

Painter, Rev. W. H.—Eight Sheets new specimens for Derbyshire Herbarium, and 20 remounts.

Roe, Mr. T., M.P.—Reputed Spade Bone of the Derby Ram.

Rutherford, Mr.—Two Ostrich Feathers, Natural.

Spencer, Mr. Antill, Jun.—Albatross.

Donations to the Art Gallery.

Felix Joseph, Esq.—139 additional specimens for the "Felix Joseph" collection of Derby China, which now numbers 452 pieces, and of which a descriptive catalogue will shortly be published.

Pares, E. H., Esq., J.P.—Oil Painting, "Coriolanus."

ABSTRACT OF ACCOUNTS.

Derby Free

Abstract of the Accounts for the

Dr. REPAIRS AND ALTERATIONS

	£	s.	d.
To Joiner's, Plumber's, and Gas Fitter's Work	19	7	9
„ New Lamps and fixing same in Reading Rooms ...	61	12	4
„ Locksmith's Work	2	3	5
„ Repairing Electric Bells	1	18	7
„ Painting and Cleaning Librarian's House	4	5	0
„ Plumber's and Builder's Work at same	23	13	1
„ Painting and Cleaning Porter's Lodge	5	17	6
„ New Boiler and Heating Apparatus	90	2	0
„ New Steps at Entrance and Repairs to Floor in Basement	7	5	0
	£216	4	8

SALARIES AND

To W. Crowther, Chief Librarian and Curator	200	0	0
„ J. A. Miller, Assistant Librarian	65	0	0
„ W. H. Walton „ „	72	10	0
„ E. J. Crowther „ „	19	10	0
„ E. Brindley „ „	15	14	0
„ J. H. Burgoyne „ „	14	0	0
„ J. W. Hearnden „ „ ... (6 weeks) ...	1	16	0
„ A. Ince „ „ ... (4 weeks) ...	1	7	0
„ H. M. Haywood, Committee Clerk	40	0	0
„ Porter's Wages, and Assistant Cleaners	65	0	3
	£494	17	3

LIBRARY

To New Books	321	8	1
„ Binding and Repairing Books	98	17	11
„ Binding Materials	5	18	7
„ Palæontographical Society's Reports	1	1	0
„ Printing Post Card and other Notices	15	2	0
„ Printing Fines Books	4	4	0
„ Printing Readers Tickets, &c.	7	19	0
	£454	10	7

Library, &c.

Year ending September 29th, 1891.

TO PREMISES ACCOUNT. Cr.

	£	s.	d.
By Free Library Rate Account	216	4	8
	£216	4	8

WAGES ACCOUNT.

By Free Library Rate Account	494	17	3
	£494	17	3

ACCOUNT.

By Sale of Catalogues	8	10	5
„ Fines upon Readers for Detention of Books	72	4	0
„ Fees for New Tickets and Post Cards	10	5	5
„ Lost and Damaged Books	2	6	9
„ Free Library Rate Account	361	4	0
	£454	10	7

Dr.

READING AND NEWS

	£	s.	d.
To Magazines and Periodicals	26	12	11
„ Newspapers, Illustrated Papers, &c.	64	14	7
„ Directories	10	5	0
„ Binding Magazines	16	17	7
	£118	10	1

MUSEUM

To Fossils and Shells Purchased	22	5	2
„ Mounting Specimens	2	0	0
„ Professional Assistance with Geological Collection ...	10	10	0
	£34	15	2

FREE LIBRARY

To Balance brought forward (being amount borrowed for the formation of the old Institution and owing as a loan)	500	0	0
	£500	0	0

SINKING FUND

To Free Library Capital Account—Payne, John—Amount Advanced on Loan	500	0	0
	£500	0	0

DERBY

To Free Library Rate at One Farthing in the £, one Quarter to 25th December, 1890	385	0	0
„ Ditto, Quarter ending 25th March, 1891	385	0	0
„ Ditto, Quarter ending 24th June, 1891	385	0	0
„ Ditto, Quarter ending 29th September, 1891	400	0	0
	£1555	0	0

LOAN

To Interest on Loan of £500, less Tax, one year to 29th September, 1891	21	17	2
„ Payne, John—Repayment of Loan	500	0	0
	£521	17	2

ROOMS ACCOUNT.

Cr.

	£	s.	d.
By Sale of Old Newspapers, &c.	4	9	10
,, Free Library Rate Account	114	0	3
	£118	10	1

ACCOUNT.

By Free Library Rate Account	34	15	2
	£34	15	2

CAPITAL ACCOUNT.

By Sinking Fund—Payne, John—Amount Advanced on Loan, April 27th, 1871	500	0	0
	£500	0	0

ACCOUNT.

By Balance brought forward	400	0	0
,, Further amount in hand towards re-payment of loan to John Payne	100	0	0
	£500	0	0

CORPORATION.

By Treasurer, Free Library Rate granted Nov. 9th, 1890 ...	385	0	0
,, Ditto, granted February 4th, 1891	385	0	0
,, Ditto, granted May 6th, 1891	385	0	0
,, Ditto, granted August 5th, 1891	400	0	0
	£1555	0	0

ACCOUNT.

By Balance brought forward, being Loan advanced by John Payne	500	0	0
,, Free Library Rate Account	21	17	2
	£521	17	2

Dr. ESTABLISHMENT

	£	s.	d.
To Gas	89	15	7
„ Water	12	8	6
„ Coal...	41	6	8
„ Fire Insurance	26	0	0
„ Ironmongery	3	14	1
„ Plants, Bulbs, &c., for Garden	7	12	0
„ Petty Cash Payments by Librarian	27	16	9
„ Printing Annual Reports	9	13	6
„ Various Printing and Stationery	10	5	0
„ Cleaning Windows	12	0	0
„ Property Tax and House Duty	1	2	6
„ Miscellaneous Expenses	6	0	4
„ Commission Charged by Bankers and Stamped Cheque Books	4	13	0
„ Clothing for Porter...	3	12	0
„ Winding Clock	3	0	0
„ India Rubber Mat	5	0	2
„ National Telephone Co. Annual Subscription	5	5	0
£	269	5	1

RATE

To Repairs and Alterations to Premises	216	4	8
„ Salaries and Wages	494	17	3
„ Library	361	4	0
„ Reading and News Rooms	114	0	3
„ Museum	34	15	2
„ Sinking Fund	100	0	0
„ Loan (Interest)	21	17	2
„ Establishment	257	6	8
„ Balance	197	12	1
£	1797	17	3

BALANCE

*„ Balance	197	12	1
£	197	12	1

*Liabilities :—

Grants for Books (unexpended) £150 0 0

ACCOUNT. **Cr.**

	£	s.	d.
By Derby Mechanics' Institute, Acknowledgment for Enrolment	0	1	0
,, Interest allowed by Bankers	11	17	5
,, Free Library Rate Account	257	6	8
	£269	5	1

ACCOUNT.

	£	s.	d.
By Balance brought forward	242	17	3
,, Quarterly Rates granted by the Derby Town Council ...	1555	0	0
	£1797	17	3

SHEET.

	£	s.	d.
By Free Library and Museum...	197	12	1
	£197	12	1

H. M. HAYWOOD, Clerk.

We have examined the several Accounts of the Derby Free Library and Museum, for the year ending September 29th, 1891, and hereby certify that they are correct.—Dated this 24th day of October, 1891.

WATSON, SOWTER & Co., *Auditors appointed by the Corporation.*
GEORGE FROST, }
JAMES HARWOOD, } *Auditors appointed by the Burgesses.*
W. H. MARSDEN, *Auditor appointed by the Mayor.*

Derby Corporation

Abstract of the Accounts for the

Dr.

WAGES.

	£	s.	d.
To Wages to Attendant at Turnstile and Charwoman ...	78	0	0
	£78	0	0

REPAIRS AND

To Painting Interior and Exterior of Art Gallery ...	41	16	11
„ Painting Name of Gallery on Building	3	10	0
„ Fire Bars, and fixing same...	0	19	2
	£46	6	1

COLLECTION AND CARRIAGE OF

To Collection and Carriage of Pictures, &c., and obtaining Loans	198	2	11
	£198	2	11

ESTABLISHMENT

To Fire Insurance	10	17	5
„ Gas	21	13	3
„ Coal...	5	13	10
„ Ironmongery	5	4	3
„ Advertising	5	0	0
„ Printing, Stationery, and Posting	42	5	10
„ Printing Catalogues	35	8	0
„ Hire of Piano and Tuning same for Concerts	7	0	0
„ Petty Cash Payments by Curator	16	6	0
„ Interest and Commission charged by Bankers	11	1	6
„ Property Tax	2	10	0
„ Miscellaneous Expenses	1	2	0
	£164	2	1

DERBY CORPORATION

To Balance brought forward	292	4	0
	£292	4	0

Art Gallery.

Year ending September 29th, 1891.

ACCOUNT. Cr.

	£	s.	d.
By Art Gallery Account	78	0	0
	£78	0	0

ALTERATIONS ACCOUNT.

	£	s.	d.
By Art Gallery Account	46	6	1
	£46	6	1

PICTURES AND LOANS ACCOUNT.

	£	s.	d.
By Art Gallery Account	198	2	11
	£198	2	11

ACCOUNT.

				£	s.	d.
By Advertisements in Catalogues	28	3	0			
,, Sale of Catalogues	16	10	2			
				44	13	2
,, Derby Art Union, Oak Frames for Engravings (Repayment)				2	10	4
,, Art Gallery Account				116	18	7
				£164	2	1

ACCOUNT.

	£	s.	d.
By Derby Corporation, Amount owing to Banker at 29th September, 1890	292	4	0
	£292	4	0

Dr.

MEDAL COMPETITION

	£	s.	d.
To Medals and Cases	23	8	0
	£23	8	0

ART GALLERY

To Wages	78	0	0
,, Repairs and Alterations	46	6	1
,, Collection and Carriage of Pictures, &c.	198	2	11
,, Establishment	116	18	7
,, Medal Competition	22	13	6
	£462	1	1

BALANCE

To Art Gallery Account (Deficiency)	314	11	11
	£314	11	11

ACCOUNT. **Cr.**

	£	s.	d.
By Keene, R.—Subscription for Medal	0	14	6
„ Art Gallery Account	22	13	6
	£23	8	0

REVENUE ACCOUNT.

BY AUTUMN EXHIBITION, 1890-91.

Receipts at Turnstile	£41	3	3			
Hire of Piano	1	1	0			
Commission on Pictures sold	9	11	3			
				51	15	6

„ SPRING EXHIBITION, 1891.

Receipts at Turnstile	£67	9	3			
Commission on Pictures sold	8	11	0			
				76	0	3

„ SUMMER EXHIBITION, 1891.

Receipts at Turnstile				19	13	5
„ Balance (deficiency)				314	11	11
				£462	1	1

SHEET.

By Treasurer (amount owing)				314	9	11
„ Curator (amount overpaid by)				0	2	0
				£314	11	11

H. M. HAYWOOD, CLERK.

We have examined the several Accounts of the Derby Art Gallery for the year ending 29th September, 1891, and hereby certify that they are correct.

Dated this 24th day of October, 1891.

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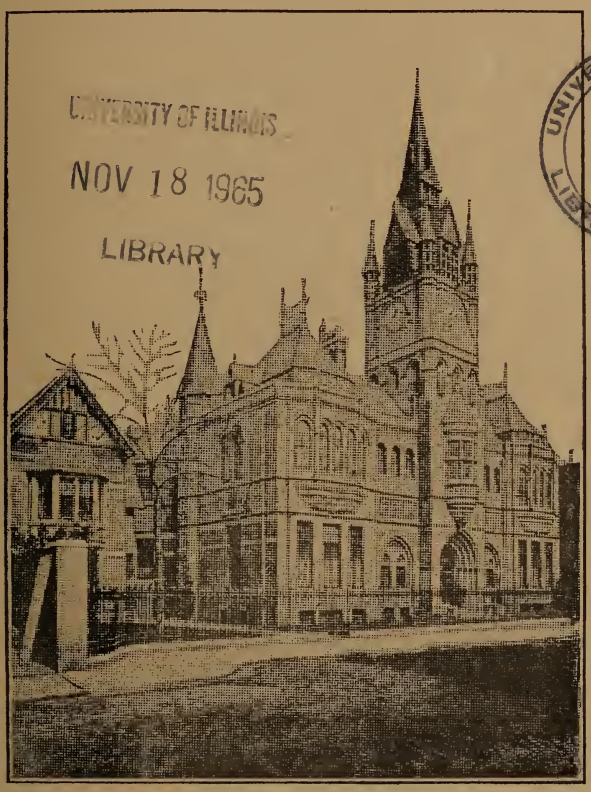

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ART GALLERY COMMITTEE.

PRESENTED to the TOWN COUNCIL,

NOVEMBER 9th, 1892.

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Borough of Derby.

TWENTY-FIRST

ANNUAL REPORT of the COMMITTEE

OF THE

DERBY FREE LIBRARY AND MUSEUM,

AND

TENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF

The Art Gallery Committee.

Presented to the Town Council,

NOVEMBER 9TH, 1892.

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Art Gallery Committee.

Mr. Councillor. T. H. HARRISON, Mayor, *Ex-Officio.*
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Mr. WILLIAM CROWTHER.

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Mr. H. M. HAYWOOD.

Assistant Librarians.

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Art Gallery Attendant.

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Porter.

GEORGE PULLEN.

Borough of Derby.

TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Free Library and Museum Committee,

For the Year ended September 30th, 1892.

THE Free Library and Museum Committee beg to present to the Town Council their Twenty-first Annual Report, and have much pleasure in doing so, believing that the Institution under their charge was never more prosperous than at present, and that its work is being successfully carried out.

The record of the books issued varies little from that of last year, but all details will be found in the Librarian's Report, and in the exhaustive tables appended to it. New books have been added freely in both Lending and Reference Departments, the additions numbering 843 in the Lending Library, and 342 in the Reference Department. In addition to these, 589 worn-out volumes have been replaced, so that the total additions to the Library during the year number 1774, and, when all the money voted to the Book Committee has been expended, a sum of about £700 wlll be found to have been appropriated to the expenses of the Library department, which the Committee consider to be the most important of those under their charge. The first portion of the Catalogue of the "Devonshire" Library has been published, and embraces all the printed books in that valuable collection, and the cataloguing of the pamphlets and prints is now being proceeded with. A supplementary Catalogue of 119 pages has also been published, which embraces a reprint of an earlier supplement, and also contains the names of about 2,200 books added to the Library since June, 1890.

The building is in a good state of repair. The news rooms and corridor have been thoroughly painted and cleaned during the summer, the work having been previously done in 1887. The Committee are very

glad to know that it will soon be possible to light the building by the electric light. They believe that much will be saved in re-painting and bookbinding, while both the staff and the public will be much the gainers, by increased purity of atmosphere, and better light. After the robbery of Jubilee coins, which unfortunately took place in May last, the Committee made a thorough examination of the building, and additional precautions for its safety were taken in the shape of extra locks, bars to all the windows, and the extension of the electric alarm system to the houses of the Curator and Porter. They believe that these precautions, in conjunction with the half-hourly visits of the police both day and night, have now rendered the building as secure as possible.

The buildings were used for a Conversazione by His Worship the Mayor, on Saturday, June 4th, when he welcomed the delegates to the A.M.C. of the Manchester Unity of Odd-fellows; and once more proved their adaptability to such a purpose.

All those interested in the inner working of the Library will find much to interest them in the Librarian's Report and the tables which follow. The Committee desire to thank most heartily all the donors whose interest in the Institution is shown by their generous gifts; and they would specially thank those publishers who send periodical literature to the news rooms, either gratuitously, or at reduced rates. They are also glad to assure the Council of their complete satisfaction with the staff of the Institution, who they believe discharge their duties to the public with industry, tact, and courtesy.

On behalf of the Committee,

WILLIAM HOBSON,

CHAIRMAN.

November 1st, 1892.

To the Chairman and Members of the Derby Free Library and Museum Committee.

GENTLEMEN,

The time has come round for me to submit to you my Seventh Annual Report, and I do so with very great pleasure.

The Lending Library now contains 16,958 books, against 16,160 last year, and the total issues are 134,763 against 133,594, while the daily average is 515 against 518. 843 new books have been added, and 589 volumes withdrawn as worn out have been replaced by new copies. Early in the year, the Book Committee went through the whole of the worn-out list from the stock book, re-ordering such books as they thought desirable, and declaring the numbers vacant where the books were out of date or without interest. Nineteen volumes have been lost and paid for, six totally lost, and five coming from infected houses have been destroyed. I can only repeat what I have said on previous occasions, that with very few exceptions, the books are carefully used, and considering the extent of the circulation, there is very little cause for complaint.

The Reference Library stock now includes 9,664 works, of which 342 have been added during the past year, and it has not been found necessary to withdraw any from circulation. The number added includes a large number of the volumes of Patent Specifications, and I would draw attention to the largely increased use of this Department. The daily average issue in the Reference Library is precisely the same as last year, indeed the year's work as a whole has been singularly like that of the preceding year. Great care has been exercised in the choice of the new books added, preference being given to those likely to be of service to *students* and to workmen employed in the various industries of the town. Both these classes use the Reference Library largely. As in previous years, the text books presented by the University Correspondence College are greatly in request, and the University of Cambridge lent some of the more valuable books used as text books for the University Extension Lectures.

I think there is nothing else in the statistics to which special attention need be drawn. The preparation and publication of two book Catalogues, the cataloguing and labelling of the "Felix Joseph" collection of China, and the labelling of the fossils, have made this the busiest year for clerical

work that I have yet had, but the whole has been done without any serious hindrance to the ordinary work of the Institution. In the preparation of the "Devonshire" Catalogue, my assistant, Mr. W. H. Walton, rendered invaluable assistance, and dealt with the many details in a most careful and painstaking way.

The last thousand of the new borrowers are thus distributed in the various wards, the second column showing the number that would be reasonably expected per thousand, according to the number of householders.

WARD.	Actual Number of Borrowers.	Number according to Population.
Arboretum	143	160
Babington	153	126
Becket	266	188
Castle	64	118
Derwent	53	64
Friargate	125	115
King's Mead	109	142
Litchurch	87	87

Becket Ward furnishes far above its proper quota of readers, Babington and Friargate Wards are also considerably in advance. Litchurch Ward has exactly its right proportion, and the other wards fall below. Castle Ward supplies only slightly more than half its proper share.

The news rooms are as fully used as ever, and I have not had any complaint of the conduct of those who frequent them, neither has there been the slightest difficulty in securing and maintaining orderly behaviour. Early in the year there was an epidemic of that petty pilfering, which is never entirely absent from our own and similar institutions, but a printed appeal to those using the rooms to protect their own property, had the desired effect, and I am glad to say that we have had no case now for some months.

I am very glad indeed to report that the re-arrangement of the fossils in the Museum is at length completed. The work has been a long and an arduous one, and the Sub-Committee charged with this special work has spared neither time nor trouble in carrying it out. The collection now consists of about 3,600 specimens, local species being well represented, and the whole forms just such a collection of types as will be most useful to the

Student of Geology. Many purchases have been made, both in England and on the Continent, and a few blanks have been left for typical specimens which it is hoped may be obtained at some future time. Now the work has been completed, it is right to place on record here that Mr. J. W. Carr, M.A., did most of the naming, Messrs. A. H. Stokes, F.G.S., and H. Arnold-Bemrose, M.A., F.G.S., the greater part of the classification and arrangement, while the whole of the mounting has been most intelligently and carefully done by our own man, Mr. George Pullen. To one and all of these willing helpers I beg to express my deepest obligations.

The completion of this re-arrangement put a certain amount of case room at the disposal of the Committee, and this they have decided to devote to specimens of Local Archæology. The few specimens they possess have been placed in position, and doubtless other specimens will be obtained from time to time, particularly now that the attention of the local Archæological and Natural History Society has been called to the matter. The Committee will, I am sure, be glad to receive and find room for, suitable local specimens from any source.

A short time since, the Rev. C. G. K. Gillespie, an eminent Egyptologist and Oriental scholar, kindly undertook to see how far the inscriptions on the mummies in the Museum could be deciphered and devoted much time and trouble to that end. He writes me that he has not quite finished the work of translation, but he assures me that the mummies are of special interest, and that although the inscriptions are not absolutely complete or continuous, sufficient is clearly legible to give hope of results of a permanently interesting character.

The principal members of our staff have remained unchanged during the past year. To their zeal and efficiency I have always had the utmost pleasure in testifying, and now do so again with very great satisfaction. It only remains for me to express my personal obligations to the Chairman and all the members of the Committee for the kind consideration I always receive at their hands, and their anxiety to make my many duties in connection with this Institution as pleasant as possible to discharge.

The usual tables are appended to this Report, and also the Report on my visit to the Meeting of the Library Association in Paris, which you did me the honour to order to be printed.

I remain, Gentlemen,

Obediently yours,

W. CROWTHER,

November 1st, 1892. LIBRARIAN AND CURATOR.

Tenth Annual Report

OF

The Corporation Art Gallery Committee.

THE Art Gallery Committee have very great pleasure in presenting to the Town Council their Tenth Annual Report. The Gallery has been open 278 days, and the number of visitors is shown in the following table:—

	1889-90.	1890-91.	1891-92.
Visitors to Autumn Exhibition	12776	15842	20027
,, Spring ,, ...	12540	30799	20648
,, Summer ,, ...	5958	10045	11289
Total Visitors	31274	56686	51964
Total Days Open by Payment	206	209	194
,, ,, Free	43	44	84
Total Days Open	249	253	278
Average on Paying Days	70·7	82·6	78·3
,, Free Days	388·5	477·7	437·8

These figures, the Committee think, are highly satisfactory. The attendance last year was altogether abnormal, including, as it did, some nineteen thousand visitors who came to see the addresses presented to Her Majesty the Queen. Deducting these, the attendance shows an increase of fourteen thousand on last year, and of twenty thousand on 1889-90. That the extra free day granted by the Council is appreciated is proved by the fact that the average attendance on each of the 84 days is only about 40 less than it was on the 44 days of the previous year; and that out of the grand total of visitors, more than two-thirds came on the free days. The highest attendance on a free day was 1165 on September 22nd, and, on a paying day, 782 on June 6th.

The amount to be asked for from the Council is £322, only £9 more than last year, in spite of the additional free day, a result which is very gratifying. The receipts at the turnstiles have been £45 less than last year, but £34 of last year's receipts were abnormal from the

cause mentioned above; so that the real additional cost of the free day has been about £12. On the other hand, the sales of catalogues have been much larger, and the catalogue value of pictures sold during the year has risen from £360 to £1024, a result gratifying alike to the Committee and to the artists who exhibit.

The Autumn Exhibition was a very good one indeed, and the Art Union in connection with it realised £117 8s., the highest amount yet reached.

In the Spring Exhibition, the experiment of the previous year was repeated with much success, a number of good pictures by Continental artists being added. Both years the Committee have been much indebted to the Messrs. W. & J. DIERKEN, of the Continental Gallery, for valuable and attractive loans.

For the Summer Exhibition, the Committee were fortunate enough to secure the loan of the "First Travelling Historical Collection of Water Colours" from South Kensington Museum. This interesting collection numbered 176 examples and was of inestimable value to Art Students, as well as interesting to the general public. The Committee wish to gratefully acknowledge the readiness with which the Museum authorities met their request for this loan, as well as for the endeavours made to meet their wishes when the annual change of loan objects took place.

The Autumn Exhibition now in progress was opened on October 4th, and seems likely to be as popular as its predecessors. During the four weeks it has been open, it has been visited by 5,400 persons, and the sales have, up to the present, been satisfactory.

The picture "Coriolanus" by W. HAMILTON, R.A., presented to the Art Gallery by E. H. PARES, Esq, J.P., of Hopwell, and briefly referred to in the last Report, has now been received, and put in position. It is a fine work of art, and will form a valuable addition to the permanent collection.

The Seventh Season of Saturday Concerts arranged by the Curator was fully as successful as its predecessors. Sixteen concerts were given which yielded a profit of about £10. The whole series of concerts during the last seven winters now numbers 125, and the profits to the Art Gallery have reached £170. To the Curator, and all those ladies and gentlemen who have so kindly assisted him, the Committee desire once more to present their heartiest thanks.

A heavy loss has been experienced by this Committee in the death of Mr. FELIX JOSEPH, in August last. From the time he first set foot in the Art Gallery, he had been its zealous friend and supporter, and his gifts to it had been almost continuous. The magnificent collection of

Derby China with which he has enriched the Gallery will be to the town his most fitting monument, and will always cause his name to be held in grateful remembrance. When the last Report was issued, the "Felix Joseph" collection numbered 452 specimens. To these Mr. JOSEPH was constantly adding up to the very time of his death, and the collection now contains 600 examples. These have been completely labelled, and an exhaustive catalogue prepared by the Curator under the Chairman's direction. The marks have been carefully copied, and reproduced on the labels, so that the collection is now as valuable to the collector and the student, as it is interesting to the general public. As historical examples of local Art industry, the "Felix Joseph" collection will add to the attractions of the Gallery for all time; to those who knew the generous donor intimately it will always bring to pleasant remembrance

> "The touch of a vanished hand
> And the sound of a voice that is still."

A fine bowl, silver ladle, and stand ought to be specially mentioned, which Mr. JOSEPH gave for the special purpose of gracing the festal board on important civic occasions, and also the fact that his gifts of china were supplemented by that of 58 beautiful watercolour drawings by ROBERTSON and BREWER, two of the old Derby china painters, and by 24 views in black and white of Derbyshire scenery, by JOSEPH FARINGTON, R.A., each with its attendant engraving. These are all suitably mounted and framed, and formed an attractive feature of the Summer Exhibition.

Death has been busy among the friends of the Art Gallery during the past year. Mr. F. J. ROBINSON, who died in June last, had been a member of the Committee from the foundation of the institution, and his services were neither few nor small. By his death the members of the Committee lose a valued colleague, and by the deaths of the Rev. Canon OLIVIER and Sir WILLIAM EVANS, the Art Gallery loses two warm friends of long standing, whose lively interest in it was shown in many different ways.

The Rev. Canon OLIVIER lent a case of very choice Derby china to the Gallery some eight months ago. Since this report has been in type, Mrs. OLIVIER has generously presented the whole collection to the Art Gallery, in the belief that she is carrying out her deceased husband's wishes, and thus placing before the people of Derby a permanent monument of his kindly interest in the Art Gallery. The warmest thanks of the Committee and of the Council are due to Mrs. OLIVIER for this very handsome and appropriate gift.

In concluding this Report, the Committee beg to assure the Council that their most strenuous efforts shall be directed toward increasing the popularity and usefulness of the Gallery. They think that its present position is one for congratulation. Its exhibitions have

so increased in popularity that there would be no difficulty in securing a much larger number of pictures were there space to exhibit them, and a large number have now to be rejected on every occasion, simply for want of room. The way in which our townsmen appreciate the Gallery is shown by the increased numbers in which they visit it, and by the generous donations given from time to time. The Committee are very glad to know that the installation of the electric light is probably an event of the near future, and this will add much to the attractiveness and suitability of the Gallery to its purpose. They desire in closing to acknowledge the zealous and well-directed services of the Curator, to whom much of the success which attends the Art Gallery is due.

On behalf of the Committee,

WILLIAM BEMROSE,

CHAIRMAN.

November 1st, 1892.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

ON HIS VISIT TO PARIS TO ATTEND

The Annual Meetings of the Library Association

OF THE UNITED KINGDOM.

(Presented to the Committee on September 26th, 1892, and ordered by them to be printed with the Annual Report.)

THE meetings of the Association were held in the Grand Hall of the National Art School, a magnificent room, with its walls decorated with fine frescoes by PAUL DELAROCHE. We were indebted to the courtesy of the Minister of Public Instruction for the use of this room, and for the excellent arrangements made for our comfort and convenience while there. The president of the gathering was M. BELJAME, Professor of English Literature at the Sorbonne, who spoke English fluently, and showed himself an adept at managing the business of public meetings. His welcome to the visitors was in the happiest possible vein. The morning of each day was devoted to the reading of papers, and discussions thereon; and the afternoons to the visiting of the various Libraries and public Institutions.

The papers and reports down for consideration and discussion numbered about thirty, and many of them had necessarily to be omitted for want of time; but among those read were the following:—

"An Account of the French National Library," by M. JULIEN HAVET.

"The British Museum Catalogue considered as a basis for a Universal Catalogue," by Dr. GARNETT, of the British Museum.

"French Artists and English Bookbinding," by Mr. Councillor CEDRIC CHIVERS, of Bath.

"Present Methods of Cloth-binding," by Mr. ROGER DE COVERLEY.

"The Public Libraries of the City of Manchester," by Mr. Councillor HARRY RAWSON, Vice-Chairman of the Manchester Free Library Committee.

"Women Librarians," by Miss KATE JAMES, Librarian of the People's Palace, London.

"Remainders," by Mr. JOSEPH GILBURT.

Dr. GARNETT's paper opened a very wide subject, and gave rise to a very interesting discussion, and a paper by Mr. DENT, of Aston, on "Free Lectures in connection with Free Libraries," made me wish that we had a room in connection with our premises suitable for such a purpose. Mr. RAWSON's paper was a very interesting one, and gave a full record of

library work in the city which was the first to open a free library under Mr. EWART's Act; and the employment of women in libraries found a vigorous supporter in Miss JAMES. French translations of the last two papers had been prepared and were circulated. Mr. GILBURT's paper ought to set all aspiring authors longing to print, a-thinking. He makes the astounding statement—and we believe he knows—that the unsold copies of books published in London reach 300,000 every year. Some half-dozen other papers were read, more interesting to the bibliographer and the bookworm than to the practical librarian, and these will doubtless all appear in due course in the Journal of the Association, where they will receive all the attention they deserve from a much more extended circle.

Coming now to the places visited, the first was the Mazarine Library, founded by the famous Cardinal who bore that name. It was made a public library in 1691, and is one of the four Government libraries of Paris. It is open daily from eleven till five o'clock, free. It contains 300,000 books and 5,800 manuscripts, and is specially rich in early Bibles and religious books, among them being a copy the famous Bible printed by Gutenberg, and known as the Mazarin Bible. The annual State maintenance grant to this institution is £1,880, of which £1,280 is expended in salaries. The daily average of readers is about 40.

A visit followed to the Library of the Society of the History of French Protestantism, a most interesting place maintained by a private Society, but recognised by the State. The Society was founded in 1852, and now owns 30,000 books, and 400 manuscripts, some of the latter, bearing on early Huguenot history, being priceless. The series of fire and thief-proof safes in which these valuables are kept is not the least remarkable feature of the collection.

On the second day, visits were paid to three typical Municipal Libraries, those in the First and Second Arrondissements, and to the Forney Art Library. These visits were naturally among the most interesting we paid, and some features in these Institutions are worthy of special mention. A capital report was prepared for the Association by His Excellency the Minister of Public Instruction, and this contains most valuable information respecting the Paris system of Municipal Libraries. The work was fairly begun in 1878, at which time there were only nine of these Libraries, and five only were much resorted to by the public. Now there are 64 of them, and the scheme will not be considered complete till there is one in each of the eighty wards of Paris. There is one in each of the twenty Mairies, and the rest are located for the most part in the communal schools. As a rule they are open from 4 to 6, and from 8 to 10 p.m., and from 10 a.m. to 12 on Sundays. Attached to all is a small Reference Department, and they all lend out bound volumes of music. In the year 1890, the total issues reached 1,386,642, whereas in 1878 they

had only reached 23,339. Verily a good record in twelve short years. Of course the Libraries are small, and the total amount raised for their support being only £9,000, gives each an annual income of only about £140. The expense falls on the City funds, and the Libraries are managed by small Committees appointed by the Mayoralty, and presided over by the Mayor; and these Committees are responsible to the Prefect of the Seine. We are told that cases of theft or ill-usage of books is very rare indeed, and that the multiplication of Libraries has had the happiest of effects on the people of Paris.

Some remarks of M. le Ministre on the reading of fiction are so much to the point that I quote them *in extenso*:—

"It must be admitted that, in the totals, the instructive book is far from furnishing the largest quota. Of the 1,386,642 issues in 1890, Fiction alone laid claim to 690,105.

"The proportion is a considerable one, although from the first the Administration has endeavoured to discourage the taste of the public for merely light reading.

"Some years ago, instructions to this effect were given to the librarians, who were invited to use the influence their almost daily intercourse with the frequenters of their libraries was able to give them, to induce the latter to turn, by choice, to works of a more serious nature. The result of this campaign was that, in 1887, the average of issues fell from 24,764 to 22,517. Rather than confine themselves to instructive books, the novel-readers chose to desert the library.

"And the fact is easily explained. It is hard to require of a labourer, or of an artisan, or of a young shop employé, kept close all day long to his bench or his counter, that after his toil he should devote his leisure hours to kinds of reading which require a certain tension of mind, for which, too, his early education has little prepared him.

"It seems, moreover, that it is just this class of readers who deserve thoughtful attention. For the very reason that they come to the municipal libraries to seek amusement, and amusement only, is not the keeping of them away attended with danger? Is not the denial to them of the only kind of reading in which they know how to be interested the way to compel them to take elsewhere pleasures often of a far less innocent nature? The only precaution that need be observed is not to let books of an immoral nature fall into their hands; and it is to this object that the committees, whose business it is to purchase the books, should direct their care and thought."

Ten of the municipal libraries make the lending out of Art books and single drawings and designs a special feature, and this to me was an entirely new and interesting arrangement. I again quote from the Report before referred to.

"Apart from practical work, books are not sufficient of themselves for the education either of the labourer or of the artisan engaged in manufacture; to complete their technical instruction, and above all to mould and refine their taste, the study of patterns is a *sine qua non*. To this idea is due the creation of municipal libraries for Industrial Art, where is studied, and, above all, lent out, patterns (in the form of prints, photographs and designs) which are of the greatest possible use to the section of the working-class population of Paris

whose callings are confined to Art, and derive their inspiration from it. These Industrial Arts, which have always been the glory of Paris—the cabinet maker's, the porcelain and fan-painter's, the bronze worker's and embroiderer's, that of the skilled pattern-designers of both sexes—all these find the elements of study and comparison, and, as a consequence, of inspiration, in the Industrial Art Libraries."

The chief of these places is the Forney Library in the 11th Arrondissement, founded by a special legacy of £8,000, left by M. Samuel Forney. Here we saw single plates from the most expensive Art books, mounted on linen or cardboard, and placed in portfolios which borrowers could take home. Designs for every conceivable purpose, from gold and silver plate to wall-papers, are thus lent out, and the managers claim justly that these costly books are thus made available for many students at a time instead of few, and they say that already the list of those successful artificers who owe much of their success to the help obtained at this Library is a very long one. Specimens of most beautiful work were shown us, and some Art needlework copied from designs lent by the Forney Library, was the best I have ever seen. Little or no injury is ever done to the most valuable plates, and their issue of technical books and drawings during the year 1890 was nearly 40,000. I am not sure whether the plan would work in England, but think it well worth a trial in these days when Technical Instruction is so much talked about, and so little understood. It should be mentioned that there are facilities for study and for copying in the building itself, and that the number of Art works for loan is about 3,000 volumes and nearly 35,000 engravings and photographs.

A visit was also paid on the same day to the Museé Carnavalet, the historical Museum of the City of Paris, an absolute model of what such an Institution should be; and another portion of the company visited the Arsenal Library, another of the four great National Libraries. This contains 453,000 books, and nearly 10,000 manuscripts, and one of its most interesting features is the possession of the records of the Bastille.

On the Wednesday, the members were received and most hospitably entertained by the President and members of the Cercle de la Librairie, an association of French booksellers, and later in the day were conducted over the magnificent Hotel de Ville, and received by M. le Prefet de la Seine. On Thursday, the most important visit of all was paid, to the National Library, over whose treasures we were shewn by M. Delisle, the courteous chief, and his colleagues. A cursory inspection took us nearly five hours, and we were quite ready for the excellent refreshment which the thoughtfulness of Madame Delisle had provided for us before leaving. This is the only Library in the world larger than that of the British Museum, and its three millions of books occupy twenty-two miles of shelving. Besides these, there is a matchless collection of maps, charts, medals, and gems. The whole Institution is admirably kept, is in perfect order, and fully realizes

the idea of a National Library. There are three large Reading Rooms, one for the working classes, where 20,000 popular volumes may be consulted; the great "Salle de travail," where in the year 1890, 99,112 readers consulted 398,166 books; and an inner manuscript room, where we saw some forty or fifty students reading and copying manuscripts, many of which were so precious that they were only issued in carefully locked cases with glass fronts. The Library is not yet fully catalogued, but the work is being rapidly proceeded with. The annual State grant is £31,000, which covers all expenses.

Friday was devoted to miscellaneous sight seeing, and I renewed my acquaintance with several of the churches and picture galleries, and saw the new galleries of the Luxembourg for the first time. On Saturday, a pleasant visit was brought to a pleasant close, by a journey to Chantilly. The Duc d'Aumale had kindly invited the Association to visit his splendid palace, and inspect his art treasures. He himself did us the honour of personally pointing out the principal objects in his magnificent collection, and very handsomely entertained us.

The visit on the whole, was a very successful one, and must be productive of good to those who used their eyes and ears. We were treated throughout with utmost courtesy and consideration; a representative of the French Government, and also one from the National Library being present at all our meetings, while His Excellency the British Ambassador, Lord Dufferin, was twice present, although very unwell, and made a charming little speech. On all hands, the greatest cordiality was manifested, and everything was done to make our visit pleasant. The many "receptions" differed considerably from similar functions as understood in England; to put it plainly, there was more speechmaking, and less bodily refreshment. But "other lands, other manners," and the genuine heartiness of the welcome we everywhere received, could not possibly be disputed. I am persuaded that the visit will be productive of much good to all those who took part in it; and one result will be to draw more closely together, those who, although belonging to different nationalities, are alike striving, by means of the institutions under their charge, to spread instruction and refinement among the people.

I remain, Gentlemen,

Yours obediently,

WILLIAM CROWTHER,

September 26th, 1892. LIBRARIAN.

TABLE I.

LENDING DEPARTMENT.

LIBRARY STOCK.

CLASS.	1 No. of Volumes in Library, September, 1891.	2 Volumes lost and paid for.	3 Volumes from Infected Houses Destroyed.	4 Volumes Totally Lost.	5 Volumes Withdrawn as worn out.	6 Total.	Stock reduced as per Column 6.	No. of Books Replaced.	No. of New Books.	Present Library Stock, 1892.	Total Increase in each case.	Percentage of Books in each Class.
Arts and Sciences	1561	1	...	...	...	1	1560	5	74	1639	78	9·66
Law and Politics	205	...	..	...	...	...	205	...	24	229	24	1·35
Natural History	362	1	...	...	1	2	360	1	22	383	21	2·26
Poetry and Drama	548	...	...	...	1	1	547	2	35	584	36	3·44
Theology and Philosophy ...	810	1	...	...	...	1	809	...	40	849	39	5·00
Light Literature	5925	16	5	5	548	574	5351	561	347	6259	334	36·91
History, Travels, and Biography	5269	...	...	...	17	17	5252	10	196	5458	189	32·20
Miscellaneous	1480	...	...	1	37	38	1442	10	105	1557	77	9·18
Totals	16160	19	5	6	604	634	15526	589	843	16958	798	100·00

TABLE II.

LENDING DEPARTMENT.

SHOWING THE MONTHLY ISSUE IN EACH CLASS, THE NUMBER OF DAYS THE LIBRARY WAS OPEN, THE TOTAL VOLUMES ISSUED, AND THE DAILY AVERAGE.

MONTH.	No of Days Open.	Science and Art.	Politics and Commerce.	Natural History.	Theology and Philosophy.	Poetry and Drama.	Fiction.	History, Biography, and Travel.	Miscellaneous.	Total.	Daily Average of Volumes.
1891.											
October	25	354	13	63	77	91	11542	577	632	13349	534
November	23	300	11	56	53	77	9478	529	549	11053	480
December	19½	267	6	41	72	65	8427	465	461	9804	503
1892.											
January	24	304	8	49	68	86	10900	617	605	12637	526
February	23	372	11	70	75	72	11641	671	609	13521	588
March	24½	369	17	82	85	93	11699	633	604	13582	554
April	19½	317	15	67	61	58	10104	543	485	11650	597
May	24	324	22	82	59	57	10602	533	527	12206	508
June	7	75	2	18	11	13	2299	121	143	2682	383
July	24	211	8	49	49	61	9131	452	517	10478	437
August	23½	311	9	55	59	65	9702	519	546	11266	479
September	24	367	16	46	70	62	10761	635	578	12535	522
Totals	261	3571	138	678	739	800	116286	6295	6256	134763	516

TABLE III.

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

LIBRARY STOCK.

CLASS.	No. of Vols. in Library, September, 1891.	Additions during the year	Present Library Stock, 1892.
Arts and Sciences	1803	88	1891
Law and Politics	233	10	243
Natural History	521	12	533
Poetry and Drama	157	2	159
Theology and Philosophy	271	4	275
Light Literature...	63	...	63
History, Travels, Biography, etc.	1597	26	1623
Miscellaneous	1247	32	1279
Devonshire Library	1198	23	1221
Patent Library	2232	*145	2377
Total	9322	342	9664

Pamphlets not included in the above. * Patents are now received singly, and only *completed* volumes are here included.

TABLE IV.

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

SHOWING THE MONTHLY ISSUE IN EACH CLASS, THE NUMBER OF DAYS THE LIBRARY WAS OPEN, THE TOTAL VOLUMES ISSUED, AND THE DAILY AVERAGE.

MONTH.	No. of Days Open.	Science and Art.	Politics and Commerce.	Natural History.	Theology and Philosophy.	Poetry and Drama.	Fiction.	History, Biography, and Travel.	Miscellaneous.	Patent Library.	Books for Blind.	Devonshire Library.	Total.	Daily Average of Volumes
1891.														
October ...	27	378	6	55	86	25	233	327	224	12	...	1	1347	49
November ...	25	412	16	64	45	52	102	247	333	21	...	..	1292	52
December ...	22	319	10	39	22	15	155	230	212	32	...	9	1043	47
1892.														
January ...	26	314	6	69	70	58	104	243	207	3	...	6	1080	41
February ...	25	352	15	61	50	27	151	265	187	40	...	12	1160	46
March ...	27	379	10	148	42	44	115	239	182	128	...	...	1287	48
April ...	21	235	5	54	30	26	65	152	80	76	...	...	723	34
May ...	26	208	25	76	47	60	55	224	119	112	...	2	928	36
June ...	11	92	7	18	10	10	11	69	45	19	...	12	293	26
July ...	26	200	17	47	52	22	57	159	142	25	...	27	748	29
August ...	26	334	10	55	90	23	54	246	210	29	...	17	1068	42
September ...	26	550	26	110	52	30	81	323	360	883	...	...	2415	93
Totals ...	288	3773	153	796	596	392	1183	2724	2301	1380	...	86	13384	47

TABLE V.

MISCELLANEOUS.

MONTH.	No. of New Borrowers.		No. of Cards Cancelled.	No. of Overdue Books written for.	No. of Books Re-bound.	No. of Books Repaired and Numbered.
	Males.	Females.				
1891.						
October	97	39	6	37	...	209
November	78	42	14	35	...	313
December	52	23	5	48	...	281
1892.						
January	80	32	13	71	...	255
February	84	39	7	27	...	300
March	81	33	14	49	210	254
April	41	20	12	64	...	287
May	46	27	8	63	53	236
June	11	5	2	. .	385	624
July	52	24	3	14	...	180
August	54	26	8	46	62	153
September	67	29	15	60	...	326
Totals	743	339	107	514	710	3418

Approximate Total No. of Borrowers' Tickets now in force ... 7,500

TABLE VI.

Occupations of the Last Thousand of the New Borrowers.

Agents and Collectors	10
Apprentices and Shop Assistants	75
Architects, Draughtsmen, and Designers	10
Barrister...	1
Basket Makers	3
Billiard Marker...	1
Boiler Makers	3
Bookbinders, Printers, and Compositors	13
Booksellers and Stationers ...	5
Boot and Shoe Makers ...	8
Brass Founder	1
Bricklayers and Masons ...	2
Builders, Carpenters, and Joiners, Cabinet Makers and Upholsterers	25
Butchers	4
Carriage Builders	3
Carter	1
Chemists and Druggists ...	2
Clergymen, Ministers, and Lay-readers	8
Clerks and Book Keepers ...	84
Commercial Travellers... ...	6
Cooper	1
Dancing Mistresses	2
Domestic Servants	7
Drapers	8
Electrician	1
Engineers, Moulders, Smiths, Fitters, and Engine Drivers ...	60
Errand and Office Boys ...	24
Factory Hands	19
Gardeners and Green Grocers...	4
Grocers and Provision Dealers...	6
Grooms, Coachmen, and Drivers	4
Hairdressers	5
Housekeepers	7
Inland Revenue Officers ...	2
Inspectors	6
Journalist	1
Labourers	11
Laundress	1
Lecturer	1
Managers of Works	8
Medical Practitioners	6
Merchants	7
Messengers	16
Miller	1
Milliners and Dressmakers ...	28
Musicians	2
Pattern Makers...	3
Painters and Paperhangers ...	14
Photographers	2
Plumbers and Glaziers... ...	3
Policemen	5
Porcelain Painters	3
Porters (general)	15
Postmen	2
Potter	1
Publicans and Brewers... ...	3
Railway Employés	12
Sadler	1
Scholars and Students	145
Soldier	1
Solicitor	1
Sweep	1
Tailors and Hosiers	18
Taxidermist	1
Teachers and Pupil-Teachers ...	57
Telegraphists	5
Turners	8
Watchman	1
Watch Makers and Jewellers ...	3
Wheelwright	1
No occupation	202
	1,000

TABLE VII.

GENERAL SUMMARY.

COMPARATIVE RETURNS.

	1891.	1892.
Lending Library Replacements	376	589
New Books	882	843
Total Books	16160	16958
„ Issues	133594	134763
Average Daily Issue	518	516
Turnover of each Volume	8·27	7·94
Reference Library:		
New Books	254	342
Total Books	9322	9664
„ Issues	13520	13384
Average Daily Issue	47	47
New Borrowers...	1141	1082
Total Borrowers (approximate)	7500	7500
Numbers of Works issued per Borrower ...	17·81	17·97
Cards Cancelled	47	107
Overdue Books written for	471	514
Books Rebound and Repaired	4299	4128

GENERAL DATA.

Population (estimated to June, 1892)	95,908
Rateable Value (September, 1892)	£389,629
Amount of Rate Levied...	ONE PENNY
Amount produced by Rate	£1,600
Library Stock	27·75 PER CENT. OF POPULATION

Donations to the Library.

AGENT GENERAL FOR VICTORIA, THE—Victorian Year Book, 12 copies; Victoria Handbook.

AGENT GENERAL FOR TASMANIA, THE—Australian Year Book for 1892; Tasmanian Official Record, 1892.

ALLEYNE, SIR JOHN, BART.—A Year's "Nature"; ditto "Engineering."

ANDERSON ANDERSON & CO., MESSRS.—"Orient" Line Guide.

AUSTIN, S. AND SONS, MESSRS.—Various parts and Volumes of the Philological Society's Transactions; List of Ballad Society's Publications.

BEMROSE AND SONS, MESSRS.—Parcel of Red Books to complete set.

BILLING, MRS.—Scientific Materialism and Ultimate Conceptions.

BODEN, HENRY, ESQ.—Three copies "Wit and Wisdom" of Sir Wilfrid Lawson.

BRITISH ASSOCIATION, HON. SECRETARY OF—Handbook of Cardiff and District.

BRITISH MUSEUM, TRUSTEES OF—Reproduction of Prints in British Museum. New Series, Part 4, Italian Prints, 16th Century; Catalogue of Cuneiform Tablets, Vol. 2.

BROWNE, T. B., ESQ.—Advertisers' A B C, 1892.

CADBURY BROTHERS, MESSRS.—Two Copies "Cocoa and all about it."

CASSELL AND CO., MESSRS.—Cassell's Illustrated Almanac and Companion.

CHIEF LIBRARIAN, Free Public Library, Nottingham—Class List No. 17.

" " Minet " " Camberwell—Catalogue.

" " Free " " Plymouth—Catalogue.

" " " " " Richmond, Surrey—Catalogue.

CLERK TO THE HYTHE COMMISSIONERS, THE—Hythe, Folkestone and Sandgate Pictorial.

COBDEN CLUB, COMMITTEE OF THE—Two Copies of "Industrial Freedom."

COURT, S., ESQ.—Two copies Nomad Archbutt's paper on "Dust."

CURATOR, Museum and Art Gallery, Birmingham—Annual Report.

" " " Leeds "

" " " St. Helen's—Catalogue, Summer 1892.

CURRIE, SIR DONALD & CO.—Cruise of the Dunottar Castle; South Africa and how to reach it; Health: the Voyage to South Africa; Map of South Africa.

CUST, ROBERT N. ESQ., LL.D.—Africa Rediviva.

DAVIS HENRY, ESQ.—Hebrew Accents, by Arthur Davis.

DEAF AND DUMB INSTITUTE, COMMITTEE OF—Twelfth Annual Report.

DEAN AND SON, MESSRS.—Export Merchant Shippers' Directory.

DERBY CONSERVATIVE CLUB, COMMITTEE OF—"The Times" as published.

DERBYSHIRE ARCHÆOLOGICAL AND NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY—Six volumes "Journal," 1887-92.

FISK, T., ESQ.—Adcock's Engineer's Pocket Book; Skyring's Builder's Price Book.

GILL, GEORGE & SONS, MESSRS.—Gill's Students' Geography.

GISBORNE, T. M., ESQ.—Four volumes and miscellaneous numbers, Journal of the Society of Arts.

HARCOURT, SIR W. V., M.P.—Blue Books and Government Papers.

HEREFORD, TOWN CLERK OF—Illustrated Hereford.

HOBSON, MR. ALDERMAN, J.P.—Mello's Handbook to the Geology of Derbyshire; Raphael's Almanac, 1892; Livestock Journal Almanac, 1892; Land, its attractions and riches.

HODGES, FIGGIS & CO., MESSRS.—Dublin University Calendar, 1892; Examination Papers, 1891.

ILIFFE, DR.—Fifteenth Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for Derby, 1891.

LEYTON, F., ESQ.—The Shadows of the Lake.

LIBRARY REPORTS from Aberdeen, Aston, Barrow-in-Furness, Battersea, Belfast, Birkenhead, Birmingham, Blackpool, Bolton, Bootle, Bradford, Brentford, Brighton, Camberwell, Cambridge, Cardiff, Chelsea, Cheltenham, Chester, Clapham, Clerkenwell, Clitheroe, Croydon, Darwen, Doncaster, Ealing, Folkestone, Fulham, Glasgow, Great Yarmouth, Halifax, Hammersmith, Handsworth, Hanley, Hereford, Lambeth, Leamington, Leeds, Leek, Leicester, Liverpool, Loughborough, Manchester, Newport, Norwich, Nottingham, Paddington, Plymouth, Portsmouth, Preston, Richmond (Surrey), Rochdale, Rotherham, Shakespeare Memorial Library (Stratford-on-Avon), Sheffield, Smethwick, Southampton, South Kensington, Southport, St. Helen's, St. Margaret's (Westminster), St.-Martin-in-the-Fields, Stafford, Stoke-on-Trent, Sunderland, Swansea, Tynemouth, Walsall, Warrington, West Bromwich, Wigan, Wimbledon, Wolverhampton.

MILNE, A. R., ESQ.—Modern Science Unlocking the Bible; Evolution Illuminating the Bible.

MORRIS, J. S. C., ESQ.—Business Directory of London, 1892.

NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM, S. KENSINGTON, DIRECTORS OF—Catalogue of Birds, Volumes 16, 17, 20.

NEWTON & ESKELL, MESSRS.—A B C Hotel Guide.

OGLE, DR.—British Association Reports, 1888, 1889, 1890. (3 Vols.)

REGISTRAR, DURHAM UNIVERSITY—Calendar for 1892.

RYLANDS, DAN, MESSRS.—Illustrated Catalogue, No. 4.

SECRETARY, Congregational Union of England and Wales—Journal of Proceedings.

SECRETARY, Derby County Council—Directory Technical Education Committee, 1892-3.

SECRETARY, Glasgow and W. Scotland Technical College – Calendar, 1892-3.

SECRETARY, Public Library, Melbourne—Vols. 20-21 Patent Indexes, 1885-6, Victoria.

SECRETARY, Imperial Institute—Year Book, 1892.

SECRETARY, Royal Colonial Institute -Proceedings, 1892.

SECRETARY, Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children—Pamphlet: "The Crown and the Child."

SECRETARY, Travelling Tax Abolition Committee—Two Volumes of the Society's Gazette.

SECRETARY, University College, Bristol—Calendar, 1892-3.

SELL, HENRY, ESQ —Dictionary of the World's Press.

SLEIGH, JOHN, ESQ.—Portrait of Local Celebrity, "Joe Pick," for Derbyshire Scrap Book.

SOMERVILLE, ALEX, ESQ.—A Modern Apostle.

THATCHER, MR.—The Book of Mormon.

TRUBNER & CO., MESSRS.—The Recent Depression in Trade; Fair Representation.

UNIVERSITY CORRESPONDENCE COLLEGE (per Messrs. W. B. Clive and Co.)—Forty-six Vols. Tutorial Series.

VIRTUE & CO., MESSRS.—The Year's Art, 1891.

WARD, JOHN, ESQ.—Pleasant Rambles Round Derby; Dale and its Abbey.

Donations to the Museum.

British Museum, Trustees of—Two Cases of Casts from British Museum Engraved Stones.

Cadbury and Co., Messrs—Cabinet of Specimens illustrating the Manufacture of Chocolate.

Fletcher, Dr.—Goldfinch-Mule (mounted).

Gisborne, T. M., Esq.—Cabinet and large number of geological and mineralogical specimens.

Gisborne, C. F., Esq.—Assegais, Knobkerries, Walking-sticks, &c., from Zululand, Skins of Python and Puff Adder.

Garthwaite, Mr.—Specimens of Fossil Plants from Coal Measures.

Johnson, Mr.—Specimens of Fossil Plants from Coal Measures.

Pullen, Mr. G.—Quail's Egg, found at Egginton.

Sanger, Lord George—Crocodile and Baboon.

Stanesby, Miss—Old Derby One-pound Note.

Toms, Mr. Harold W.—Three Bronze Coins.

Waterfield, Mr. T.—Iguana and Snakes.

Donations to the Art Gallery.

Joseph, Felix, Esq. (the late)—Framed copy of Photogravure portrait of himself; 58 water-colour drawings by J. Robertson and J. Brewer; 24 black-and-white drawings by Jos. Farington, R.A., of Derbyshire scenery, each with its attendant engraving; and about 150 specimens of Derby China, completing the "Felix Joseph" collection.

Stanesby, Miss—Ornamental Mirror.

Winter, Mr. Councillor—Framed Portraits of W. Mountford and J. Rowse, Sen., two workmen at the Old China Factory.

Derby Free

Abstract of the Accounts for the

Dr. REPAIRS AND ALTERATIONS

	£	s.	d.
To Joiner's, Plumber's, and Gas Fitter's Work ...	24	5	6
„ Locksmith's Work, New Electric Bells, and Window Bars	15	18	6
„ Stone Paving ...	6	2	7
„ Painting and Cleaning Librarian's House ...	7	13	6
„ Painting Reading Rooms... ...	53	8	0
	£107	8	1

SALARIES AND

To W. Crowther, Chief Librarian and Curator ...	236	13	4
„ J. A. Miller, Assistant Librarian ...	65	0	0
„ W. H. Walton „ „ ...	78	0	0
„ E. J. Crowther „ „ ...	20	16	0
„ E. Brindley „ „ ...	25	18	0
„ J. H. Burgoyne „ „ ... (5 weeks) ...	1	10	0
„ W. Lowndes „ „ ...	14	14	0
„ H. M. Haywood, Committee Clerk ...	40	0	0
„ Porter's Wages, and Assistant Cleaners ..	75	9	6
„ Watson, Sowter & Co., Auditors ...	7	7	0
	£565	7	10

LIBRARY

To New Books ...	335	6	8
„ Binding and Repairing Books ...	115	7	4
„ Binding Materials	3	3	0
„ Palæontographical Society's Reports ...	1	16	0
„ Printing Post Card and other Notices ...	16	16	0
„ Printing Fines Books ...	4	4	0
„ Allibone's Dictionary ...	5	18	0
„ Printing Supplementary Catalogue, No. 5 ...	27	10	0
„ Printing "Devonshire" Catalogues ...	15	3	4
„ Binding Music ...	10	16	11
„ Binding Patent Specifications ...	9	14	0
	£545	15	3

Library, &c.

Year ending September 29th, 1892.

TO PREMISES ACCOUNT. Cr.

	£	s.	d.
By Free Library Rate Account	107	8	1
	£107	8	1

WAGES ACCOUNT.

By Free Library Rate Account	565	7	10
	£565	7	10

ACCOUNT.

By Sale of Catalogues...	6	11	2
„ Fines upon Readers for Detention of Books	74	4	10
„ Fees for New Tickets and Post Cards	9	2	7
„ Lost and Damaged Books	2	3	8
„ Free Library Rate Account	453	8	0
	£545	15	3

Dr.

READING AND NEWS

	£	s.	d.
To Magazines and Periodicals	28	17	11
„ Newspapers, Illustrated Papers, &c.	59	16	8
„ Directories	5	9	6
„ Binding Magazines	19	6	5
„ Printing Lists of Newspapers, &c.	4	10	0
„ Hire of Temporary Reading Room, &c.	4	16	4
	£122	16	10

MUSEUM

To Fossils and Antelope Purchased...	30	19	11
„ Mounting Specimens	6	15	0
„ Repairing Damaged Case	4	16	0
„ Frames for Cases and Repairing Fittings	8	16	6
„ Labels and Blocks for Cases	5	9	8
„ Carriage of Specimens	1	2	0
	£57	19	1

DERBY

To Free Library Rate at One Farthing in the £, one Quarter to 25th December, 1891	400	0	0
„ Ditto, Quarter ending 25th March, 1892	400	0	0
„ Ditto, Quarter ending 24th June, 1892...	400	0	0
„ Ditto, Quarter ending 29th September, 1892	400	0	0
	£1600	0	0

ROOMS ACCOUNT.

Cr.

	£	s.	d.
By Sale of Old Newspapers, &c.	3	3	9
,, Free Library Rate Account	119	13	1
	£122	16	10

ACCOUNT.

By Free Library Rate Account	57	19	1
	£57	19	1

CORPORATION.

By Treasurer, Free Library Rate, granted Nov. 9th, 1891	400	0	0
,, Ditto, granted February 3rd, 1892	400	0	0
,, Ditto, granted May 4th, 1892	400	0	0
,, Ditto, granted August 3rd, 1892	400	0	0
	£1600	0	0

Dr. ESTABLISHMENT

	£	s.	d.
To Gas	95	16	10
,, Water	8	2	8
,, Coal...	38	14	4
,, Fire Insurance	17	12	10
,, Ironmongery	3	13	4
,, Plants, Bulbs, &c., for Garden	8	6	0
,, Petty Cash Payments by Librarian	39	10	5
,, Printing Annual Reports	9	12	0
,, Various Printing and Stationery	15	8	1
,, Cleaning Windows	9	0	0
,, Property Tax and House Duty	1	2	6
,, Miscellaneous Expenses	4	2	8
,, Commission Charged by Bankers	2	10	5
,, Clothing for Porter	3	18	6
,, Winding Clock	3	0	0
,, National Telephone Co. Annual Subscription	5	5	0
	£265	15	7

RATE

To Repairs and Alterations to Premises	107	8	1
,, Salaries and Wages	565	7	10
,, Library	453	8	0
,, Reading and News Rooms	119	13	1
,, Museum	57	19	1
,, Establishment	259	16	8
,, Balance	233	19	4
	£1797	12	1

BALANCE

*,, Balance	233	19	4
	£233	19	4

*Liabilities :
Grants for Books (unexpended) £200 0 0

ACCOUNT. Cr.

	£	s.	d
By Derby Mechanics' Institute, Acknowledgment for Encroachment	0	1	0
„ Interest allowed by Bankers	5	17	11
„ Free Library Rate Account	259	16	8
	£265	15	7

ACCOUNT.

By Balance brought forward	197	12	1
„ Quarterly Rates granted by the Derby Corporation ...	1600	0	0
	£1797	12	1

SHEET.

By Free Library and Museum	233	19	4
	£233	19	4

H. M. HAYWOOD, Clerk.

We have examined the several Accounts of the Derby Free Library and Museum, for the year ending September 29th, 1892, and hereby certify that they are correct.—Dated this 25th day of October, 1892.

WATSON, SOWTER & Co., *Auditors appointed by the Corporation*

GEORGE FROST,
JAMES HARWOOD, } *Auditors appointed by the Burgesses.*

WILLIAM HART, *Auditor appointed by the Mayor.*

Derby Corporation

Abstract of the Accounts for the

Dr.

WAGES

	£	s.	d.
To Wages to Attendant at Turnstile and Charwoman ...	80	5	6
„ Watson, Sowter & Co., Auditors	3	3	0
	£83	8	6

REPAIRS AND

To Joiners' and Plumbers' Work	3	18	11
	£3	18	11

COLLECTION AND CARRIAGE OF

To Collection and Carriage of Pictures, &c., and obtaining Loans...	219	5	8
	£219	5	8

ESTABLISHMENT

To Fire Insurance	5	13	6
„ Gas	23	15	0
„ Coal...	6	0	6
„ Ironmongery	3	16	6
„ Advertising...	4	0	0
„ Printing, Stationery, and Posting	40	7	9
„ Printing Catalogues	38	12	10
„ Hire of Piano for Concerts	7	4	0
„ Petty Cash Payments by Curator	19	14	4
„ Interest, Commission, and Cheque Books charged by Bankers	10	13	9
„ Property Tax	2	10	0
„ Miscellaneous Expenses	2	19	4
„ Curtains for Gallery Roof	5	6	6
„ Printing Catalogue of "Felix Joseph" Collection ...	9	11	0
„ Printing and Mounting Labels	4	18	0
	£185	3	0

Art Gallery.

Year ending September 19th, 1892.

ACCOUNT.

Cr.

	£	s.	d.
By Art Gallery Account	83	8	6
	£83	8	6

ALTERATIONS ACCOUNT.

By Art Gallery Account	3	18	11
	£3	18	11

PICTURES AND LOANS ACCOUNT.

By Art Gallery Account	219	5	8
	£219	5	8

ACCOUNT.

By Advertisements in Catalogues	£18	1	8			
„ Sale of Catalogues...	21	0	9			
				39	2	5
„ Derby Art Union, Oak Frames for Engravings (Repayment)				1	1	0
„ Art Gallery Account				144	19	7
				£185	3	0

DERBY CORPORATION

	£	s.	d.
To Balance brought forward	314	11	11
	£314	11	11

ART GALLERY

	£	s.	d.
To Wages	83	8	6
,, Repairs and Alterations	3	18	11
,, Collection and Carriage of Pictures, &c.	219	5	8
,, Establishment	144	19	7
	£451	12	8

BALANCE

	£	s.	d.
To Art Gallery Revenue Account, Balance 1891 ...	0	2	0
,, Ditto, 1892	322	16	8
	£322	18	8

ACCOUNT.

		£	s.	d.
By Derby Corporation, Amount owing to Banker at 29th September, 1891	£314 9 11			
,, Balance carried forward	0 2 0			
		314	11	11
		£314	11	11

REVENUE ACCOUNT.

BY AUTUMN EXHIBITION, 1891-2.						
Receipts at Turnstile...	£40	0	0			
Commission on Pictures Sold ...	30	6	6			
				70	6	6
,, SPRING EXHIBITION, 1892.						
Receipts at Turnstile	£31	8	7			
Commission on Pictures sold ...	14	17	9			
				46	6	4
,, SUMMER EXHIBITION, 1892.						
Receipts at Turnstile				12	3	2
,, Balance (deficiency)				322	16	8
				£451	12	8

SHEET.

By Treasurer (amount owing)	322	18	8
	£322	18	8

H. M. HAYWOOD, CLERK.

We have examined the several Accounts of the Derby Art Gallery for the year ending 29th September, 1892, and hereby certify that they are correct.

Dated this 25th day of October, 1892.

WATSON, SOWTER & Co., *Auditors appointed by the Corporation.*

GEORGE FROST,
JAMES HARWOOD, } *Auditors appointed by the Burgesses.*

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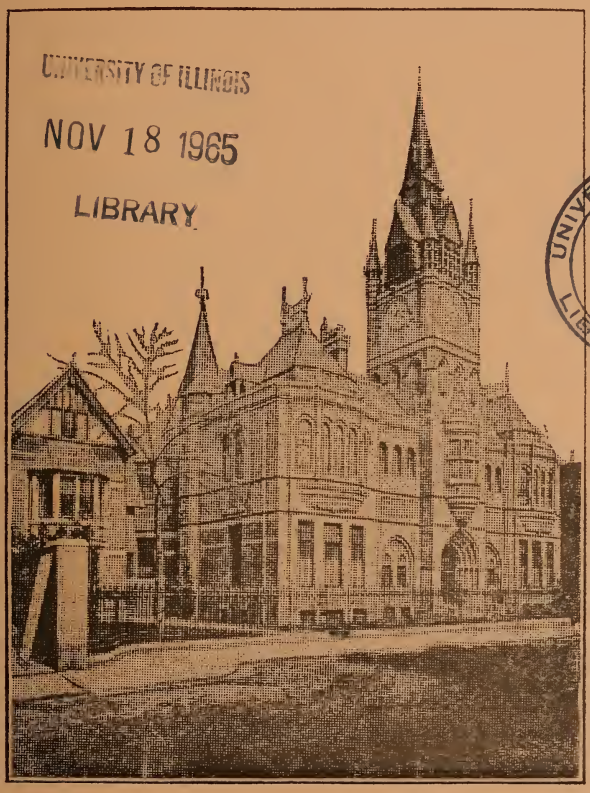

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ART GALLERY COMMITTEE.

PRESENTED TO THE TOWN COUNCIL,

NOVEMBER 9TH, 1893.

DERBY: HARPUR, PRINTER, LONDON ROAD.

Borough of Derby.

TWENTY-SECOND

ANNUAL REPORT of the COMMITTEE

OF THE

DERBY FREE LIBRARY AND MUSEUM,

AND

ELEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Art Gallery Committee.

Presented to the Town Council,

NOVEMBER 9TH, 1893.

DERBY:
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1893.

List of Committees and Officials.

Library and Museum Committee.

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Mr. Alderman HOBSON, J.P., Chairman.

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,, ,, RUSSELL, J.P.
Mr. Councillor BOTTOMLEY, J.P.
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,, ,, FOULDS.
,, ,, GENTLES.
,, ,, STONE.
,, ,, SUTHERLAND.
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,, ALEX. BUCHANAN, J.P.
,, S. COURT.
,, A. B. HAMILTON.
,, W. J. PIPER.
,, A. H. STOKES, A.M., F.G.S.

Art Gallery Committee.

Mr. Councillor W. H. MARSDEN, J.P., Mayor, *Ex-Officio.*
Mr. WILLIAM BEMROSE, J.P., Chairman.

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,, ,, STONE.
,, ,, WINTER.

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Librarian and Curator.

Mr. WILLIAM CROWTHER.

Clerk.

Mr. H. M. HAYWOOD.

Assistant Librarians.

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Miss ETHEL J. CROWTHER.
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Art Gallery Attendant.

J. FOLEY.

Porter.

GEORGE PULLEN.

Borough of Derby.

TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Free Library and Museum Committee,

For the Year ended September 30th, 1893.

THE Free Library and Museum Committee, in presenting their Twenty-Second Annual Report to the Council, are glad to be able to say that the Institution under their charge is in a prosperous condition, and is doing its work successfully.

The issue of books for the year, particularly in the Lending Department, shows a marked increase which is very gratifying, the issues now reaching a daily average of over six hundred. The new books added during the year number 919, and the replacements of worn-out books amount to 355, making a total of 1,274 books purchased during the year. It has not been thought necessary to publish an additional supplementary Catalogue, but type-written lists of the books added are shown in the Delivery Room. Those who wish for further information respecting the Library are referred to the Librarian's Report, and the exhaustive tables which accompany it.

The building is in a good state of repair. In view of the introduction of the Electric Light, the painting and re-decoration of the Museum and Library have been deferred for a time, but these will shortly be proceeded with. The completion of the Electric Lighting installation is now only a matter of a few days, and will probably be completed by the time this Report is before the Council. The Committee feel sure they have acted in the best interests of the Institution in incurring this expense, as a great saving will be effected in the charges for painting and decoration, as well as in bookbinding; while the amount of benefit both to the staff and to the visitors in the way of better light and increased purity of atmosphere can scarcely be over-estimated.

The cost of the installation will probably be about £370, and the Committee are glad to say that they will be able to pay this, and also

for the necessary cleaning to follow, without either borrowing the money or crippling the usefulness of the Institution. £240 has already been paid the Contractor from the amount which appears as balance in hand on September 29th, and the remainder will just about meet all charges, and enable the Committee to start fairly on the next year's work. The special thanks of the Committee and the Council are due to the small Sub-Committee which has supervised all the details of the Electric Lighting, the members of which have devoted to the task a considerable amount of time and trouble.

The best thanks of the Committee are also due to all those who have sent gifts of books and periodicals to the Institution during the past year, and they also desire to place on record here their complete satisfaction with the way in which the staff discharge their duties, a satisfaction which they believe is shared by the general public.

In the early part of the present year, the Chairman, Mr. Alderman Hobson, intimated to the Committee that failing health compelled him to ask that some relief might be afforded him from the necessity of attending all the meetings of the Committee, and Mr. Councillor Bottomley was consequently appointed Vice-Chairman. They have now, at the close of the year, received with very great regret a further intimation that Mr. Hobson wishes to relinquish altogether the office he has held ever since the foundation of the Institution. The Committee feel that, in the face of the Chairman's earnest wish, they cannot do otherwise than bow to his decision, which they are sure has been the result of much consideration on his part. They therefore accept his resignation with the greatest regret, but think that the resolution given below, which was unanimously passed at their meeting this day, should be placed on record, as an appendix to this Report.

On behalf of the Committee,

WILLIAM HOBSON,

CHAIRMAN.

COPY OF RESOLUTION REFERRED TO ABOVE.

"That this Committee receives the resignation of Mr. Alderman Hobson, J.P., with very great regret. They desire to place on record their sense of the great services he has rendered the Institution of which he has been Chairman for twenty-three years, and they feel that his unremitting attention to its interests hns done much to place it in its present prosperous condition. They are sorry for the cause which has led to his resignation and earnestly hope that rest may bring him improvement in health, and that he may find in the evening of his days some solace in the remembrance of the good work he has done in the service of an Institution the success of which has always been dear to his heart."

October 30th, 1893.

To the Chairman and Members of the Derby Free Library and Museum Committee.

GENTLEMEN,

It gives me very much pleasure to lay before you my Eighth Annual Report. The number of books in the Lending Library now reaches 17,402, against 16,958 last year; the total issues amount to 145,177, against 134,763, an increase of nearly 10,500; and the daily average issue has risen from 515 to 560. The increase has been a steady one throughout the year, and applies to every month alike, and all classes of books have shared in the increased demand. The new books added number 785; and out of 659 books withdrawn as worn out, 355 have been replaced by new copies; the remainder, principally three volume novels of ancient date, have had their places declared as vacant, and will be replaced by something better. Twenty-two volumes have been lost and paid for, two only have been totally lost, while thirteen coming from infected houses have been destroyed. The plan we have followed for some years with regard to the last-named class continues to work well, and the public may use the Library with confidence without any fear of infection. I am glad to say once more that on the whole the books are very well used, instances of wilful damage being rare, but we still have to suffer through occasional acts of carelessness or thoughtlessness, particularly on rainy days, when books are occasionally brought in very wet, when a little care would have kept them dry.

The Reference Library stock now numbers 9,798 works, of which 134 have been added during the past year, and no volumes have been withdrawn. The Committee exercise great care in the selection of the new books in this department, and are most anxious to keep the Reference Library thoroughly up to date, particularly with regard to Scientific works. They would be very glad, for the sake of both departments of the Library, to receive suggestions from the public as to books which might be purchased, and would like to see the fullest use made of the Proposal Forms to be found in the Reading Rooms, merely asking that all who use them should take care to ascertain that the books proposed are not already in the Library, which at present is not always done. The Specifications of Patents are still very largely consulted, and the Text-books presented by the University Correspondence College are greatly used by students preparing for various examinations.

The number of new borrowers during the year is about the same as usual, nearly 1,100, and I should fancy that the number of those using the Library is greater than ever. The number of cards cancelled through deaths or removals is only 107, but the number of borrowers who withdraw without notice is considerable, and the number of those who only borrow intermittently is larger still, so that the actual number of borrowers using the Library at any given time is rather difficult to gauge with certainty. The number of books re-bound has been 534, and the number passing through our binder's hands for other reasons—repairs great or small, numbering, lettering, labelling, &c.,—is no less than 3,171. Reference to the tables will show many other interesting facts in connection with the working of the Library.

The occupations of our borrowers are as various as ever, as a reference to Table 6 will show. The large number described as of no occupation are, I believe, principally housewives, and the term is in their case to a great extent a misnomer. I again give a table showing the districts from which our borrowers come, the last thousand being thus distributed :—

WARD.	Actual Number of Borrowers.	Number to be expected according to Population.
Arboretum	123	166
Babington	155	121
Becket	217	196
Castle	76	114
Derwent	61	63
Friar Gate	128	111
King's Mead	118	143
Litchurch	122	83

Becket, Babington, Friar Gate, and Litchurch Wards furnish considerably more than their quota of readers, the last-named nearly half as many again as might be expected. Derwent Ward has about the proper number, and the remaining wards fall below. Castle Ward shows, however, a marked improvement on last year's figures.

The News Rooms are, if possible, more used than ever, and there is little to complain of in the behaviour of those who use them. I have always found that a word of caution is sufficient if anyone is found transgressing; and I believe that the great majority of those who use the rooms are as anxious for good order as I am myself. The year has not passed over without a few petty thefts, but even these have been less than

usual, and I hope that I may ere long have to report a clean sheet in this respect.

The only additions made to the Museum during the year have been a small collection of Geological and Archæological specimens purchased from the Trustees of the Museum at Brampton, near Chesterfield. The Mineral and Geological collections have been more made use of by students during the past year than I have ever known them; and the visitors to the Museum generally show no diminution.

As your Librarian I attended the Annual Meeting of the Library Association, held this year at Aberdeen, and derived much profit therefrom. I had while there the honour of being elected, for the third time, a Member of the Council of the Association, and I have been since elected as Chairman of the North Midland Library Association for the ensuing year. I accept both appointments as much as a testimony to the importance of the Institution which I represent, as a compliment to myself.

The principal members of our staff have remained unchanged during the past year. I cannot speak too highly of the way in which they discharge their duties, and I believe they do their best to serve both you and the public faithfully. I desire also to express the obligation I feel toward the Press of the town for their ready co-operation in all that tends to the benefit of the Institution; and, lastly, to yourselves for the uniform kindness and consideration I receive at your hands.

I remain, Gentlemen,

Very faithfully yours,

WILLIAM CROWTHER,

LIBRARIAN AND CURATOR.

October 30th, 1893.

Eleventh Annual Report

OF

The Corporation Art Gallery Committee.

THE Art Gallery Committee have much pleasure in presenting their Eleventh Annual Report to the Town Council. The Gallery has been open during the past year 239 days, as compared with 278 days in 1892, and the number of visitors is shown in the following table:—

	1891-92.	1892-93.
Visitors to Autumn Exhibition	20027	17399
,, Spring ,, ...	20648	17456
,, Summer ,, ...	11289	11290
Total Visitors	51964	46145
Total Days Open by Payment	194	156
,, ,, Free	84	83
Total Days Open	278	239
Average on Paying Days	78·3	85·
,, Free Days	437·8	396·4

These figures, the Committee venture to think, are quite satisfactory, varying but little from those of 1892. The average attendance on the free days is rather less, and on the paying days a little more than last year, but the total number of visitors is more by fifteen thousand than it was three years ago. The largest attendance on a free day was 802, and on a paying day 347, both days being in Whit-week.

The amount to be asked from the Council is £6 more than last year. The Gallery having been open for six weeks less accounts for a diminution of the same amount in the turnstile receipts, while Commission on sale of Pictures is £20 less. The Committee, however, think, considering the long depression of trade, they have been fortunate in disposing of pictures to the Catalogue value of £515 16s. The sale of Catalogues steadily increases.

The Autumn Exhibition was very good in quality, and the Art Union in connection with it realised £105 6s.

In the Spring Exhibition, a number of Continental pictures were again added, much to the improvement of the collection, and the thanks of the Committee are due to the proprietors of the Hanover Gallery for kindly lending these from their collection. Special thanks are also due to H. Evans Broad, Esq., M.P., for the loan of the fine picture presented to him, and painted by Professor Herkomer, R.A.

The Summer Exhibition consisted of pictures kindly lent by private owners, mostly residing in this neighbourhood, and proved a great success. The Committee are under obligation to those gentlemen who so kindly responded to their request for loans, and, as the experiment was so successful, they, when a sufficient time has elapsed, hope to repeat it. Among those residing at a distance who kindly contributed were John Aird, Esq., M.P., J. Fellows, Esq. (of West Bromwich), E. M. Kidd, Esq. (of Nottingham), Mrs. W. J. Smith (of Lichfield), Messrs. A. and F. Pears, and the Proprietors of the "Graphic."

The Exhibition now in progress has thus far been very satisfactory, no fewer than 8,100 visitors having passed the turnstiles during the four weeks it has been open. It may be mentioned that, as a proof of the growing estimation in which the Gallery is held by artists, the Hanging Committee had about seven hundred pictures submitted to them for this Exhibition, but the space at their disposal only allowed of about four hundred and thirty being selected.

The annual change of objects on loan from the South Kensington Museum took place at the usual time, and the cases now contain some excellent specimens of wrought iron work, pottery, and electrotypes of armour. The Committee desire to acknowledge the readiness with which any suggestion they make as to suitable objects for loan is acted upon by the Museum authorities, and anxiety evinced to send such objects as may be useful to the various industries of the town and neighbourhood.

The eighth season of Promenade Concerts, organised by the Curator, took place during last winter. Eighteen Concerts were held, attended by over 3,400 persons, and yielded, as usual, a substantial profit. As a new feature, three Literary evenings were introduced in the series, when short lectures were given by the Curator on the life and works of Tennyson, Longfellow, and Shakespeare, and were interspersed with musical illustrations. The Lectures having proved so successful, further

experiments in the same direction will be made during the coming season. The best thanks of the Committee are due to the ladies and gentlemen who kindly gave their services on these occasions, and also to His Worship the Mayor (Mr. Councillor Marsden, J.P.), the Ex-Mayor (Mr. Councillor Harrison, J.P.), and to Lieut.-Col. Buchanan, J.P., who respectively presided at the Literary evenings.

By far the greatest event in the history of the Gallery during the past year has been the installation of the Electric Light. This has now been in operation for about three weeks, and the improvement in the lighting is very effective, and will without doubt eventually cause a considerable saving in painting and decorating the Gallery, and less deterioration to the valuable works of art.

In conclusion, the Committee desire to place on record the zeal displayed by the Curator for the welfare of the Art Gallery, and their opinion that to his well-directed efforts much of its success is mainly due.

On behalf of the Committee,

WILLIAM BEMROSE,

October 30th, 1893. CHAIRMAN.

TABLE I.

LENDING DEPARTMENT.

LIBRARY STOCK.

CLASS.	1 No. of Volumes in Library, September, 1892.	2 Volumes lost and paid for.	3 Volumes from Infected Houses Destroyed.	4 Volumes Totally Lost.	5 Volumes Withdrawn as worn out.	6 Total.	Stock reduced as per Column 6.	No. of Books Replaced.	No. of New Books.	Present Library Stock, 1893.	Total Increase in each case.	Percentage of Books in each Class.
Arts and Sciences	1639	1	...	...	3	4	1635	...	54	1689	50	9·71
Law and Politics	229	...	...	...	...	...	229	...	13	242	13	1·39
Natural History	383	1	...	...	1	2	381	...	24	405	22	2·33
Poetry and Drama	584	...	...	...	1	1	583	1	27	611	27	3·51
Theology and Philosophy ...	849	...	...	...	...	...	849	...	59	908	59	5·22
Light Literature	6259	20	12	1	601	634	5625	340	373	6338	79	36·42
History, Travels, and Biography	5458	...	1	1	19	21	5437	11	187	5635	177	32·38
Miscellaneous	1557	...	...	...	34	34	1523	3	48	1574	17	9·04
Totals	16958	22	13	2	659	696	16262	355	785	17402	444	100·00

TABLE II.

LENDING DEPARTMENT.

SHOWING THE MONTHLY ISSUE IN EACH CLASS, THE NUMBER OF DAYS THE LIBRARY WAS OPEN, THE TOTAL VOLUMES ISSUED, AND THE DAILY AVERAGE.

MONTH.	No. of Days Open.	Science and Art.	Politics and Commerce.	Natural History.	Theology and Philosophy.	Poetry and Drama.	Fiction.	History, Biography, and Travel.	Miscellaneous.	Total.	Daily Average of Volumes.
1892.											
October	24	409	9	63	91	84	11276	681	574	13187	549
November	21	417	19	61	95	106	10811	641	558	12708	605
December	23	363	18	68	65	91	11137	677	600	13019	566
1893.											
January	24	384	20	92	92	112	12018	762	610	14090	587
February	22	448	20	97	102	85	11775	788	514	13829	629
March...	21	420	9	76	126	75	11525	710	543	13484	642
April	22	343	6	77	107	68	10983	605	493	12682	576
May	23	310	10	101	81	76	10236	561	498	11873	516
June	8	97	4	27	20	16	3305	167	151	3787	473
July	23½	270	1	69	88	68	10049	494	458	11497	489
August	23½	243	5	70	99	79	10105	564	447	11612	494
September	24	307	12	56	109	75	11723	595	532	13409	559
Totals	259	4011	133	857	1075	935	124943	7245	5978	145177	560·5

TABLE III.

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

LIBRARY STOCK.

CLASS.	No. of Vols. in Library, September, 1892.	Additions during the year.	Present Library Stock, 1893.
Arts and Sciences	1891	45	1936
Law and Politics	243	3	246
Natural History	533	9	542
Poetry and Drama	159	...	159
Theology and Philosophy	275	1	276
Light Literature	63	...	63
History, Travels, Biography, &c.	1623	50	1673
Miscellaneous	1279	...	1279
Devonshire Library	1221	26	1247
Patent Library	2377	...	2377*
Total	9664	134	9798

Pamphlets not included in the above. * Patents are now received singly, and only *completed* volumes are here included.

TABLE IV.

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

SHOWING THE MONTHLY ISSUE IN EACH CLASS, THE NUMBER OF DAYS THE LIBRARY WAS OPEN, THE TOTAL VOLUMES ISSUED, AND THE DAILY AVERAGE.

MONTH.	No. of Days Open.	Science and Art.	Politics and Commerce.	Natural History.	Theology and Philosophy.	Poetry and Drama.	Fiction.	History, Biography, and Travel.	Miscellaneous.	Patent Library.	Books for Blind.	Devonshire Library.	Total.	Daily Average of Volumes.
1892.														
October ...	26	454	4	81	55	27	79	322	326	176	...	7	1531	59
November ...	23	502	28	108	89	54	69	345	368	97	...	9	1669	72
December ...	24½	297	19	51	90	35	52	289	331	22	...	4	1190	49
1893.														
January ...	26	460	28	55	80	26	76	361	329	92	...	...	1507	58
February ...	24	466	14	55	59	23	115	286	316	368	..	6	1708	71
March ...	23	281	15	45	92	24	44	146	179	225	...	30	1081	47
April ...	24	333	12	55	60	24	28	213	143	24	...	27	919	38
May ...	25	373	14	46	46	23	24	150	126	65	...	1	868	35
June ...	14	128	4	21	44	11	16	65	99	20	...	...	408	29
July ...	25	326	42	45	70	28	49	194	241	153	...	12	1160	46
August ...	26	279	25	54	43	49	24	234	282	215	...	...	1205	46
September ...	26	357	13	70	46	52	98	333	402	8	...	2	1381	53
Totals ...	286½	4256	218	686	774	376	674	2938	3142	1465	...	98	14627	51

TABLE V.

MISCELLANEOUS.

MONTH.	No. of New Borrowers.		No. of Cards Cancelled.	No. of Overdue Books written for.	No. of Books Re-bound.	No. of Books Repaired and Numbered.
	Males.	Females.				
1892.						
October	76	57	12	43	...	51
November	65	33	9	44	...	427
December	57	29	10	51	...	314
1893.						
January	81	43	13	74	...	201
February	76	54	5	39	...	201
March	51	41	14	80	154	359
April	40	30	...	59	28	203
May	39	19	11	23	104	258
June	23	14	...	...	248	649
July	41	51	9	4	...	34
August...	39	21	16	61	...	264
September	76	43	12	36	...	210
Totals	664	435	111	514	534	3171

Approximate Total No. of Borrowers' Tickets now in force ... 7,500.

TABLE VI.

Occupations of the Last Thousand of the New Borrowers.

Actress	1
Agents and Collectors ...	11
Apprentices and Shop Assistants	39
Architects, Draughtsmen, and Designers	8
Artist	1
Bailiffs...	2
Bakers and Confectioners ...	13
Barristers, Solicitors, &c. ...	3
Boiler Makers...	2
Bookbinders, Printers, and Compositors	6
Booksellers and Stationers ...	3
Boot Makers	6
Box Makers	3
Builders, Bricklayers, Masons, and Plasterers	7
Butchers	2
Carpenters, Joiners, Cabinet Makers, and Upholsterers	19
Carriage and Waggon Builders	8
Chemists and Druggists ...	6
Clergymen and Ministers ...	9
Clerks and Book-keepers ...	90
Commercial Travellers ...	8
Cooper	1
Corn Factor	1
Domestic Servants	15
Drapers	11
Dyers	2
Electricians	8
Engineers, Moulders, Smiths, Fitters, and Engine Drivers	54
Engraver	1
Errand and Office Boys ...	22
Factory Hands	28
Farmers	2
Gardeners and Green-grocers...	3
Grocers and Provision Dealers	15
Grooms, Coachmen, & Drivers	7
Hairdressers	2
Housekeepers...	16
Inspector	1
Labourers	21
Librarian	1
Managers of Works	2
Matron	1
Medical Practitioners... ...	3
Merchants	3
Messengers	11
Milliners and Dressmakers ...	29
Musicians	4
Nurse	1
Painters and Paperhangers ...	13
Plumbers and Glaziers ...	5
Polisher	1
Porcelain Dealer	1
Porters (General)	5
Postmen, &c.	7
Potters...	2
Publicans, Brewers, & Maltsters	4
Railway Employés	12
Reporter	1
Scientific Instrument Maker ...	1
Scholars and Students ...	136
Skinners and Leather Dressers	2
Soldiers	2
Tailors, Hatters, and Hosiers	16
Teachers and Pupil Teachers	58
Telegraphists	4
Tin Plate Workers	3
Turners and Brass Finishers ...	8
Verger...	1
Waiters	2
Warehousemen	7
Watchmaker and Jeweller ...	1
Wheelwright	1
No Occupation	195
	1,000

TABLE VII.

GENERAL SUMMARY.

COMPARATIVE RETURNS.

	1892.	1893.
Lending Library Replacements	589	355
New Books	843	785
Total Books...	16958	17402
,, Issues	134763	145177
Average Daily Issue	516	560·5
Turnover of each Volume	7·94	8·34
Reference Library:		
New Books	342	134
Total Books...	9664	9798
,, Issues	13384	14627
Average Daily Issue	47	51
New Borrowers	1082	1099
Total Borrowers (approximate)	7500	7500
Numbers of Works issued per Borrower ...	17·97	19·36
Cards Cancelled	107	111
Overdue Books written for...	514	514
Books Rebound and Repaired	4128	3705

GENERAL DATA.

Population (estimated to June, 1893)	97,341
Rateable Value (September, 1893)	£390,833
Amount of Rate Levied	ONE PENNY
Amount produced by Rate	£1,600
Library Stock	27·92 PER CENT. OF POPULATION

Donations to the Library.

Agent General for Western Australia, The—Western Australia in 1891.

Agent General for Queensland, The—Letters from Queensland.

Agent General for Victoria, The—Victorian Year Book for 1892.

Alleyne, Sir John, Bart.—A Year's "Nature"; ditto "Engineering," 1892.

Art Gallery and Museum Reports from Birmingham, Herkomer School, Horniman Museum.

Blakeney, Wm. J., Esq.—Vol. 10 of Letters of Registration.

Boyle & Co., Messrs.—Two Copies of "A Sanitary Crusade through the East and Australasia.

Brampton, Messrs. Walter & Co.—Specimen of a Patent Newspaper File and Magazine Case.

Briscoe, J. Potter, Esq.—Two Derbyshire Pamphlets.

Browne, T. B., Esq.—The Advertisement Press of Great Britain.

Cassell & Co., Ltd., Messrs.—Cassell's Illustrated Almanac for 1893.

Cox, Arthur, Esq.—Volume 15 of the Journal of the Derbyshire Archæological and Natural History Society.

Editor of "The News"—Volume of "The News," and Summer Numbers of "Hand and Heart," "Home Words," and "The Day of Days."

Ehrenfechter, C. A., Esq.—Technical Study in the Art of Piano Playing.

Elkington, Messrs., Ltd.—Reproductions of Carved Ivories. Inventory of Reproductions in Metal.

Fisk, Francis, Esq.—Adcock's Engineer's Pocket Book; Skyring's Builder's Price Book for 1893.

Foster, Miss Emily—"Victims to Custom."

Frowde, Henry, Esq.—Bombay, 1885 to 1890: a Study in Indian Administration.

Gray, J. C., Esq.—Annual Report of the Co-operative Society, Ltd.

Hardingham, G. G. M., Esq.—Two Pamphlets on "Patents for Inventions."

Hobson, William, Esq., J.P.—Livestock Annual for 1893; Agricultural Annual for 1893; Four Books (Bemrose's Technical Series).

Hodges, Figgis & Co., Messrs.—Dublin University Calendar, 1893; Examination Papers, 1892.

Howard Association, The—Penological and Preventive Principles.

Iliffe, William, Esq.—Sixteenth Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for Derby, 1892.

Jephson, H., Esq.—The Platform.

Library Reports from Aberdeen, Aston, Battersea, Belfast, Birkenhead, Birmingham, Blackburn, Blackpool, Bootle, Bradford, Brentford, Bristol, Burslem, Buxton, Camberwell, Cambridge, Chelsea, Cheltenham, Chester, Clapham, Clerkenwell, Coventry, Croydon, Darwen, Ealing, Folkestone, Fulham, Glasgow, Gosport, Great Yarmouth, Hammersmith, Handsworth, Hanley, Holborn, Kendal, Leek, Leicester, Liverpool, Manchester, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Norwich, Nottingham, Portsmouth, Preston, Richmond (Surrey), Salford, Sheffield, Smethwick, Southport, St. Helen's, St. Leonard (Shoreditch), St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Stafford, Swansea, Tynemouth, Walsall, Warrington, West Ham, Westminster, Wolverhampton.

May, W. A., Esq.—Volume 2 of "Farm, Field, and Fireside."

McMillan, A. J., Esq.—Three copies of "Manitoba Official Information for Investors and Settlers, 1893"; Sunny Manitoba.

Morris, J. S. C., Esq.—Morris's Business Directory, 1893.

Nightingale, Mrs.—Memoir of Timothy Hackworth.

Orphan's Printing Press, The—George Fox and his Friends; The Offices of the Holy Spirit.

Oxford University Press, The—Clyde and Strathnairn (Rulers of India Series).

Radford, J. T., Esq.—Nine Derbyshire Pamphlets.

Registrar of Patents, Queensland—Letters of Registration, Volume 9, 1881.

Roy, Brandon, Esq.—Guy Mervyn.

Secretary, Durham University—University Calendar, 1893.

Secretary, Emigrants' Information Office—Emigrant's Information Handbooks, 1892.

Secretary, Institute of Civil Engineers—Regulations and List of Members, 1893.

Secretary, Queen's College, Belfast—Calendar, 1893-4.

Secretary of State for India—Volumes 30 and 37 of "The Sacred Books of the East."

Secretary, University College, Bristol—Calendar, 1893-4.

Shorthouse, E., Esq.—Present to Youths and Young Men.

Sleigh, John, Esq.—Ashbourn and the Valley of the Dove; Handbook of Proverbs; Reflections; Archaic Dictionary; Coats of Arms.

Thompson, Mrs. Percy—Memoir of Sydney Gilchrist Thomas.

Unsworth, Rev. Wm.—The Marriage Knot Wisely Tied; The Aggressive Character of Christianity; The Brotherhood of Men; Self Culture and Self Reliance; The King's People.

University Correspondence College, Tutorial Series (per Messrs. W. B. Clive & Co.)—Manual of Ethics; London Matriculation Direc-

tory, Jan., 1893; London Int. Science and Preliminary Directory, July, 1892; Inter. and B.A. French Papers; Higher Greek Reader; Magnetism and Electricity, Text-book of; Latin Grammar, A; English Language, The; London Matriculation Directory, June, 1893 (2 copies); London Inter. Arts Directory, July, 1893; London Inter. Science Directory, July, 1893; English History, 1485-1603, Text-book of; English Literature, 1558-1660, Text-book of; History of Rome, The Teutorial; Biology, Text-book of—Vertebrata; Mensuration of the Simpler Figures. Also "The University Correspondent," supplied weekly, monthly, and yearly. Pamphlets, leaflets, &c.

VOYSEY, REV. C., B.A.—The Sling and the Stone; The Mystery of Pain, Death, and Sin.

WOOD, SIR HENRY TRUEMAN—Official Handbook of the Royal Commission for the Chicago Exhibition, 1893.

Donations to the Museum.

COTTON, MR., BALLARAT—Mineralogical Specimens from Australia.

KELLY, MRS.—A Hippocamp.

NORTON, MRS.—Skin of a Snake.

Donations to the Art Gallery.

HANCOCK, J., ESQ., WORCESTER—Early Derby Cup and Saucer.

JACKSON, MRS.—Old Cup and Saucer.

Abstract of Accounts.

Derby Free

Abstract of the Accounts for the

Dr. REPAIRS AND ALTERATIONS

	£	s.	d.
To Joiner's, Plumber's, and Gas Fitter's Work	14	14	8
,, Locksmith's Work, and Repairing Electric Bells	2	8	10
,, Builder's Work	4	8	2
	£21	11	8

SALARIES AND

To W. Crowther, Chief Librarian and Curator	240	0	0
,, J. A. Miller, Assistant Librarian...	65	0	0
,, W. H. Walton, ,, ,, ...	78	0	0
,, E. J. Crowther, ,, ,, ...	25	10	0
,, E. Brindley, ,, ,, ... (2 weeks) ...	1	2	0
,, W. Lowndes, ,, ,, ...	18	1	0
,, J. Webster, ,, ,, ... (9 months) ...	10	10	0
,, W. L. Coltman ,, ,, ... (13 weeks) ...	3	18	0
,, H. M. Haywood, Committee Clerk	40	0	0
,, Porter's Wages, and Assistant Cleaners	70	0	6
,, Watson, Sowter & Co., Auditors	7	7	0
	£559	8	6

LIBRARY

To New Books	304	6	6
,, Binding and Repairing Books	111	7	9
,, Binding Materials	4	12	0
,, Palæontographical Society's Reports	1	1	0
,, Printing Post Card and other Notices	13	7	6
,, Printing Fines Books	4	4	0
,, Printing "Devonshire" Catalogues	2	15	2
	£441	13	11

Library, &c.

Year ending September 29th, 1893.

TO PREMISES ACCOUNT. Cr.

	£	s.	d.
By Free Library Rate Account	21	11	8
	£21	11	8

WAGES ACCOUNT.

By Free Library Rate Account	559	8	6
	£559	8	6

ACCOUNT.

By Sale of Catalogues	6	3	4
,, Fines upon Readers for Detention of Books	75	1	7
,, Fees for New Tickets and Post Cards	9	17	8
,, Lost and Damaged Books	2	5	0
,, Free Library Rate Account	348	6	4
	£441	13	11

Dr.

READING AND NEWS

	£	s.	d.
To Magazines and Periodicals	34	2	0
„ Newspapers, Illustrated Papers, &c.	59	4	4
„ Directories	7	2	6
„ Chair Pads	3	15	0
	£104	3	10

MUSEUM

To Specimens Purchased	9	1	0
„ Mounting Specimens	5	0	0
„ Repairing Damaged Case	1	12	6
„ Labels for Cases	3	13	9
„ Fittings for ditto	2	0	6
	£21	7	9

DERBY

To Free Library Rate at One Farthing in the £, one Quarter to 25th December, 1892	400	0	0
„ Ditto, Quarter ending 25th March, 1893	400	0	0
„ Ditto, Quarter ending 24th June, 1893	400	0	0
„ Ditto, Quarter ending 29th September, 1893	400	0	0
	£1600	0	0

ROOMS ACCOUNT.

Cr.

	£	s.	d.
By Sale of Old Newspapers, &c.	4	13	3
„ Free Library Rate Account	99	10	7
	£104	3	10

ACCOUNT.

By Free Library Rate Account	21	7	9
	£21	7	9

CORPORATION.

By Treasurer, Free Library Rate, granted Nov. 9th, 1892 ...	400	0	0
„ Ditto, granted February 1st, 1893	400	0	0
„ Ditto, granted May 3rd, 1893	400	0	0
„ Ditto, granted August 2nd, 1893	400	0	0
	£1600	0	0

Dr. **ESTABLISHMENT**

	£	s.	d.
To Gas	105	0	7
,, Water	4	12	0
,, Coal	31	12	0
,, Fire Insurance	17	12	10
,, Ironmongery	2	9	4
,, Plants, Bulbs, &c. for Garden	8	9	6
,, Petty Cash Payments by Librarian	35	18	1
,, Printing Annual Reports	10	0	0
,, Various Printing and Stationery	15	3	5
,, Cleaning Windows	12	0	0
,, Property Tax and House Duty	11	2	6
,, Miscellaneous Expenses	3	0	2
,, Cheque Books and Commission Charged by Bankers ...	4	12	4
,, Clothing for Porter	3	18	6
,, Winding Clock	3	0	0
,, National Telephone Co. Annual Subscription	5	5	0
,, Cork Carpet for Library	14	12	0
,, Type Writer and Case	21	9	0
	£309	17	3

RATE

To Repairs and Alterations to Premises	21	11	8
,, Salaries and Wages	559	8	6
,, Library	348	6	4
,, Reading and News Rooms...	99	10	7
,, Museum	21	7	9
,, Establishment	305	15	11
,, Balance	477	18	7
	£1833	19	4

BALANCE

*,, Balance	477	18	7
	£477	18	7

*Liabilities :
Electric Lighting ... ... £370 os. od.

ACCOUNT. Cr.

	£	s.	d.
By Derby Mechanics' Institute, Acknowledgment for Encroachment	0	1	0
„ Interest allowed by Bankers	4	0	4
„ Free Library Rate Account	305	15	11
	£309	17	3

ACCOUNT.

By Balance brought forward	233	19	4
„ Quarterly Rates granted by the Derby Corporation ...	1600	0	0
	£1833	19	4

SHEET.

By Free Library and Museum	477	18	7
	£477	18	7

H. M. HAYWOOD, Clerk.

We have examined the several Accounts of the Derby Free Library and Museum, for the year ending September 29th, 1893, and hereby certify that they are correct.—Dated this 25th day of October, 1893.

WATSON, SOWTER & Co., *Auditors appointed by the Corporation.*
GEORGE FROST, JAMES HARWOOD, } *Auditors appointed by the Burgesses.*
JAMES PATRICK DOHERTY, *Auditor appointed by the Mayor.*

Derby Corporation

Abstract of the Accounts for the

Dr.

WAGES

	£	s.	d.
To Wages to Attendant at Turnstile and Charwoman ...	79	3	6
,, Watson, Sowter & Co., Auditors	3	3	0
	£82	6	6

REPAIRS AND

To Plumber's Work	4	16	5
,, Notice Boards	1	10	0
,, Seats in Gallery	4	12	6
	£10	18	11

COLLECTION AND CARRIAGE OF

To Collection and Carriage of Pictures, &c., and obtaining Loans	227	15	11
	£227	15	11

ESTABLISHMENT

To Fire Insurance	5	4	3
,, Gas	26	11	7
,, Coal	3	7	10
,, Ironmongery	4	14	8
,, Advertising	3	0	0
,, Printing, Stationery, and Posting	30	8	3
,, Printing Catalogues...	39	10	0
,, Hire of Piano for Concerts...	7	0	0
,, Petty Cash Payments by Curator	18	6	11
,, Interest, Commission, and Cheque Books charged by Bankers	10	18	3
,, Property Tax	2	10	0
,, Glass for Picture: "The Orrery"	3	17	0
	£155	8	9

Art Gallery.

Year ending September 29th, 1893.

ACCOUNT.

Cr.

	£	s.	d.
By Art Gallery Account	82	6	6
	£82	6	6

ALTERATIONS ACCOUNT.

By Art Gallery Account	10	18	11
	£10	18	11

PICTURES AND LOANS ACCOUNT.

By Art Gallery Account	227	15	11
	£227	15	11

ACCOUNT.

By Advertisements in Catalogues	£24	10	0			
,, Sale of Catalogues	20	14	0			
				45	4	0
,, Art Gallery Account				110	4	9
				£155	8	9

Dr. DERBY CORPORATION

	£	s.	d.
To Balance brought forward	322	18	8
	£322	18	8

ART GALLERY

To Wages	82	6	6
„ Repairs and Alterations	10	18	11
„ Collection and Carriage of Pictures, &c.	227	15	11
„ Establishment	110	4	9
	£431	6	1

BALANCE

To Art Gallery Revenue Account	328	17	3
	£328	17	3

ACCOUNT.

Cr.

	£	s.	d.
By Derby Corporation, Amount owing to Banker at 29th September, 1892	322	18	8
	£322	18	8

REVENUE ACCOUNT.

By Autumn Exhibition, 1892–3.

				£	s.	d.
Receipts at Turnstile...	£34	17	8			
Commission on Pictures sold ...	14	3	9			
				49	1	5

,, Spring Exhibition, 1893.

Receipts at Turnstile...	£30	3	2			
Commission on Pictures sold ...	11	0	9			
				41	3	11

,, Summer Exhibition, 1893.

Receipts at Turnstile...				12	3	6
,, Balance (deficiency)				328	17	3
				£431	6	1

SHEET.

By Treasurer (amount owing)				328	17	3
				£328	17	3

H. M. HAYWOOD, Clerk.

We have examined the several Accounts of the Derby Art Gallery for the year ending 29th September, 1893, and hereby certify that they are correct.

Dated this 25th day of October, 1893.

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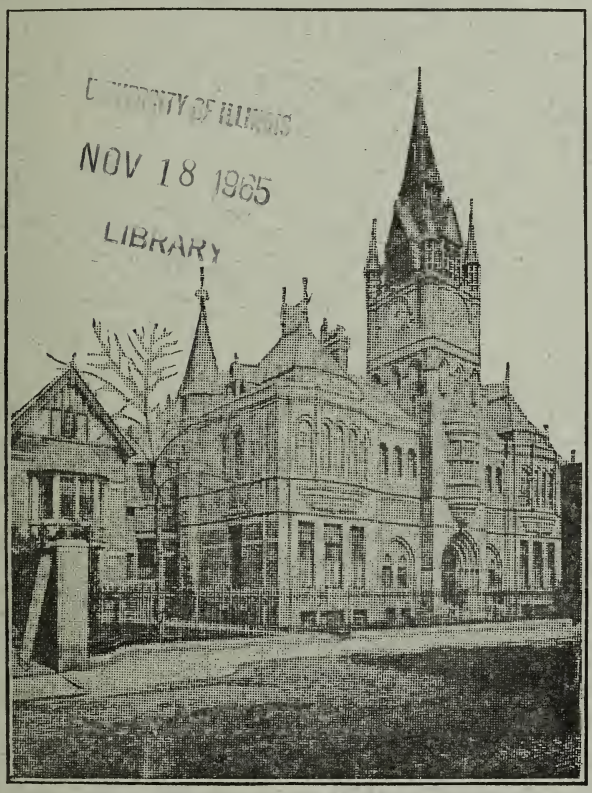

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TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Free Library and Museum Committee,

For the Year ended September 30th, 1894.

THE Free Library and Museum Committee have very much pleasure in presenting to the Town Council their Twenty-Third Annual Report, and are glad that in doing so they can testify to the undiminished popularity and usefulness of the Institution committed to their charge.

The Statistical Tables appended to the Librarian's Report will be found to contain many interesting details, and to those Tables all are referred who are interested in the inner working of the Library. The Committee feel, however, that they should draw attention to the increased issues in the Lending Library, which amount to more than ten thousand in the year just closed, and also to the fact that no fewer than 1,410 books have been added during the same period, of which 522 were replacements of books worn out, and the remainder entirely new. The Library stock in the two departments now amounts to 28,086 works. It will very soon become a question of shelf-room for the accommodation of the ever-increasing number of books, and the Committee have at present under consideration a scheme which will afford much relief, by the separation of the Juvenile books from the others, and thus set a large quantity of shelf-room at liberty, and also add materially to the comfort of adult borrowers, and the facility with which they can be served.

No new Supplementary Catalogue has been issued this year, but the Committee feel that the time has now arrived when the Catalogue as a whole should be grappled with, and they have adopted the suggestion of the Librarian, that the whole should be republished, but in Sections, and that Section dealing with Science, Art, and Technology is now in course of active preparation, and it is hoped may be issued by about Christmas.

The building is in a good state of repair. The Electric Light installation was completed on December 13th last, and since that time has been in full operation, very much to the advantage of everybody and everything concerned. The irregularities of supply have been but slight, and although the cost is at present considerably in advance of that of gas, the Committee have no reason to regret having made the change. It is a source of satisfaction to them that they have been able to pay for the Electric Light, and also for the painting and cleaning of the whole Institution, inside and out, without borrowing money, or in any way impairing the usefulness of the Institution. The charges for painting and bookbinding will undoubtedly be less in the future.

The Committee's best thanks are due to those who have kindly given books, periodicals, and other articles during the past year, and they close this Report by placing on record their complete satisfaction with the manner in which the staff discharge their duties, and they believe that their feeling in this matter is shared by those residents who use the Library.

On behalf of the Committee,

GEORGE BOTTOMLEY,

CHAIRMAN.

October 29th, 1894.

To the Chairman and Members of the Derby Free Library and Museum Committee.

GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to lay before you my Ninth Annual Report, and perhaps I might be permitted at the outset to make a few comparisons between the Stock and issues at the time of my appointment, and those it is my pleasure to lay before you for the year just closed.

	LIBRARY STOCK.		ISSUES.	
	LENDING.	REFERENCE.	TOTAL.	DAILY.
1884-5	13,020	7,850	111,864	438
1893-4	17,953	10,133	155,827	605

These figures speak for themselves. We have now 7,216 more books, the year's issues are nearly 44,000 more, and there is an increase of 167 in the daily issues. For the year just closed, the figures in the Lending Department show an increase of more than ten thousand issues over 1892-3, and the daily issue is 45 higher. The Reference Department is slightly less than the preceding year, but that is accounted for by the fact that at the close of last year, during the progress of the Electric Light installation, there were several weeks, and that at the busiest time, when the Library was only in partial use during the evening.

The number of new books added during the year has been 755 in the Lending Department, and 335 in the Reference, the latter including about two hundred volumes of Patent Specifications. The number of books withdrawn as worn out is 707, and of these 522 have been replaced, the remainder being books whose places have been declared vacant. Seven volumes have been lost and paid for, eight coming from infected houses have been destroyed, and four have been totally lost. I have to repeat the remark of former years, that on the whole, the books are very well used, and cases of wilful damage are rare, although we still suffer from acts of carelessness on the part of our borrowers.

The Book Committee have paid special attention to the Scientific books in both Libraries, and works of great value and containing the newest information have been steadily added. Our percentage table shows an increase in every department of the Library except fiction, which shows a corresponding decrease. Juvenile books have been added largely of late years, and are much patronised, and I think that their separation

from the rest of the Library will be an advantage all round, if it is found possible to do so. There has been a considerable amount of controversy lately as to what young people read in the way of tales, and I have taken the trouble to ascertain the issues of two favourite authors, one for boys, and one for girls. We have in the Library 98 copies of books by G. A. Henty, and 76 by Mrs. Marshall. I find that the former were issued 5,400 times during the year, and the latter 2,400 times, an average of 18 a day in the case of the boys' book, and of 8 in the case of the girls'. When it is borne in mind that there are other authors nearly as popular for both sexes, it will be seen how largely this department is used.

We have added 1,207 new borrowers during the year, and the number of cards cancelled is only 101, so that the number of borrowers is greater than ever. Table 6 showing their occupations, is always an interesting one, and shows that we draw on all classes for our customers. About one-fifth return themselves as of no occupation, but this class includes most of the married women, and the description does not by any means accurately describe them, although it is the only one open. I give again a Table showing the distribution of our last thousand borrowers in the various wards of the town, which shows about the same results as formerly. The number from Derwent Ward is about that to be expected, Babington, Becket, Friar Gate, and Litchurch wards supply more than their quota of readers, the first named Ward having the highest average, while Arboretum, King's Mead, and Castle Ward fall below.

WARD.	Actual Number of Borrowers.	Number to be expected according to Population.
Arboretum	140	168
Babington	159	122
Becket	210	198
Castle	77	115
Derwent	62	64
Friar Gate	144	113
King's Mead	112	145
Litchurch	96	75

The number of people using the News Rooms is as great, if not greater, than ever, and I have had little cause to complain of the conduct of those frequenting them. The rule of silence is on the whole well observed, and a word of caution has always been found sufficient where there was a disposition to break it.

There have been no important additions to the Museum during the year, beyond some remains presented by the Directors of the Midland

Railway Company. The Committee has, however, undertaken the re-arrangement and thorough overhauling of the Natural History specimens, and the Mammals have now been completed. Worthless specimens have been rejected, and the whole collection has been thoroughly cleaned and put in order, and the cases repapered. The rest of the specimens will be dealt with in due course. Visitors to this department are as numerous as ever, and the proportion of students is certainly on the increase. With regard to the number of visitors to the Institution as a whole, it is impossible to tell exactly, but I estimate that at least eight times the whole population of the Borough enters our doors during the year.

As your Librarian, I attended the Annual Conference of the Library Association, held this year at Belfast. The proceedings were of more than usual interest, and there was a very complete exhibition of Library appliances. I had the honour of being elected a member of the Council of the Association for the fourth year in succession.

There has been no change in our staff, I am glad to say, during the past year, and I can only repeat what I have said on former occasions as to the way in which they discharge their duties. I do not think that either the Committee or the public could be better served. In closing, I desire once more to place on record my sense of the obligation under which I am to the Press of the town and neighbourhood for their hearty co-operation and help in everything tending to the good of the Library and Museum. To yourselves I also desire to tender my heartiest thanks for the ready help and consideration I have always received at your hands, which make my work here a pleasure.

I remain, Gentlemen,

Very faithfully yours,

WILLIAM CROWTHER,

LIBRARIAN AND CURATOR.

October 29th, 1894.

Twelfth Annual Report

OF

The Corporation Art Gallery Committee.

THE Committee of the Art Gallery have much pleasure in presenting their Twelfth Annual Report to the Town Council, and in congratulating them on the continued popularity and usefulness of the Institution committed to their care. The Gallery has been open 250 days, and the number of visitors during the last three years is shown by the following Table:—

	1891-22.	1892-93.	1893-94.
Visitors to Autumn Exhibition	20027	17399	20300
,, Spring ,, ...	20648	17456	20840
,, Summer ,, ...	11289	11290	13156
Total Visitors	51964	46145	54296
Total Days Open by Payment	194	156	164
,, ,, Free	84	83	86
Total Days Open	278	239	250
Average on Paying Days	78·3	85·	83
,, Free Days	437·8	396·4	473

These figures clearly show that increased interest is taken in the Art Gallery. It will be noticed that while the average attendance on the paying days remains practically the same, there is a considerable increase on the free days. In 1889-90, when the Gallery was open 249 days, the attendance was only 31,274. During the past year the largest attendance on a free day was on Oct. 28th, when 1,883 persons passed the turnstiles, the attraction being the exhibition of the beautiful Dessert Service manufactured by the Royal Crown Derby Porcelain Company, as the wedding present from the Borough of Derby to their

Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of York. The greatest number of visitors on a pay day was on Whit Monday, when 565 passed through the Gallery.

The deficiency is a little greater this year than last, and is accounted for by the expense incurred in thoroughly repainting the building, the purchase of medals awarded at the Photographic Exhibition, and by the reduction in the amount received as commission on the sale of pictures. The pictures sold were of the catalogue value of £419; which, owing to the depressed state of local trade, must be considered satisfactory. The number of catalogues sold reached 5,953 copies, an excess on former years.

During the year, the usual number of Exhibitions has been held. The Autumn Exhibition was good in quality, and the Art Union in connection with it realised the sum of £92 15s. 0d.

The Spring Exhibition was of exceptional merit, and the Committee were fortunate in obtaining from the Trustees of the Chantrey Bequest, the loan of Sir Frederick Leighton's beautiful picture, the Bath of Psyche. There were other fine pictures; local art was well represented, and the Exhibition was deservedly popular.

The Summer Exhibition consisted of Photographs, and a number of representative exhibits were secured. Medals were awarded, and in the opinion of the judges, Messrs. England and Mayland, the Exhibition took high rank as to the quality of the works submitted. In the lower Gallery there was a small collection of sketches by the late Charles Jones, the eminent animal painter, and the thanks of the Committee are specially due to that gentleman's son, Mr. Bertram Loud, for the interesting loan.

The Autumn Exhibition now in progress, without containing many important pictures, is interesting, and the general level shows improvement. That the Gallery continues to rise in the estimation of Artists is shown by the fact that nearly two hundred more pictures were submitted for selection than could be hung, and that it is appreciated by the general public because it has attracted 8,000 visitors during the month that it has been open.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Boden, of the Friary, have presented to the Art Gallery Ceramic Collection a number of pieces of Derby Porcelain of various periods, including some special examples of modern manufacture, among which are specimen plates from the dessert service presented respectively to the Duke and Duchess of York, and the Right Hon. W. E. Gladstone.

The Chairman of the Art Gallery also presented to the "Felix Joseph Collection" a plate from the celebrated "Barry" dessert service. The thanks of the Council and Committee have been tendered to these donors. The Committee trust that others will be found willing to add to the Art Treasures already possessed by the Town.

The objects on loan from South Kensington Museum, filling four cases, have recently been changed, and the present selection includes specimens of electrotypes, ancient and modern pottery and porcelain, ancient jewellery and glass, most of which examples are likely to be of benefit to the Art industries of the Borough.

The Promenade Concerts on Saturday evenings, organised by the Curator, were held as usual during the winter, and the Ninth Season proved quite as attractive and satisfactory as its predecessors, and yielded a similar profit. The thanks of the Committee are specially due to the ladies and gentlemen, both professionals and amateurs, who give their services without fee or reward on these pleasant occasions.

A year's working of the Electric Light enables the Committee to speak from experience as to the great benefit the Gallery has derived from its introduction. The pictures are certainly better seen than before, and the atmosphere is far purer. The cost of the Electric Light as compared with gas is about £36 against £26, and whilst obtaining a superior light, the expense of painting and cleaning will be reduced in future.

The Committee, in closing their Report, desire once more to bear testimony to the zeal and efficiency with which the Curator discharges his duties, and to express the hope that the Art Gallery will continue to afford both pleasure and benefit to the ratepayers.

On behalf of the Committee,

WILLIAM BEMROSE,

CHAIRMAN.

October 29th, 1894.

TABLE I.

LENDING DEPARTMENT.

LIBRARY STOCK.

CLASS.	1 No. of Volumes in Library, September, 1893.	2 Volumes lost and paid for.	3 Volumes from Infected Houses Destroyed.	4 Volumes Totally Lost.	5 Volumes Withdrawn as worn out.	6 Total.	Stock reduced as per Column 6.	No. of Books Replaced.	No. of New Books.	Present Library Stock, 1894.	Total Increase in each case.	Percentage of Books in each Class.
Arts and Sciences	1689	...	...	...	3	3	1686	...	121	1807	118	10.07
Law and Politics	242	...	...	...	...	...	242	...	14	256	14	1.43
Natural History	405	...	...	...	1	1	404	1	24	429	24	2.39
Poetry and Drama	611	...	...	...	5	5	606	1	20	627	16	3.49
Theology and Philosophy ...	908	...	...	...	...	...	908	...	49	957	49	5.33
Light Literature	6338	7	8	4	651	670	5668	495	265	6428	90	35.80
History, Travels, & Biography	5635	...	...	...	5	5	5630	7	184	5821	186	32.42
Miscellaneous	1574	...	...	...	42	42	1532	18	78	1628	54	9.07
Totals	17402	7	8	4	707	726	16676	522	755	17953	551	100.00

TABLE II.

LENDING DEPARTMENT.

SHOWING THE MONTHLY ISSUE IN EACH CLASS, THE NUMBER OF DAYS THE LIBRARY WAS OPEN, THE TOTAL VOLUMES ISSUED, AND THE DAILY AVERAGE.

MONTH.	No. of Days Open.	Science and Art.	Politics and Commerce.	Natural History.	Theology and Philosophy.	Poetry and Drama.	Fiction.	History, Biography, and Travel.	Miscellaneous.	Total.	Daily Average of Volumes.
1893.											
October	24	387	30	71	100	109	12025	678	581	13981	583
November	21	343	23	81	81	111	11510	622	553	13324	634
December	21½	332	10	98	88	113	11848	650	543	13682	636
1894.											
January	24½	341	18	104	100	106	12988	629	548	14834	605
February	22	323	13	94	97	95	12649	652	588	14511	660
March...	20½	334	13	92	126	93	13206	614	585	15063	735
April	23	373	14	88	97	89	12041	572	542	13816	601
May	23	337	14	87	100	90	11918	585	536	13667	594
June	7½	66	7	28	31	28	3332	163	164	3819	509
July	24	272	7	77	87	78	10715	504	406	12146	506
August	23½	262	20	65	107	69	11591	523	500	13137	559
September	23	295	17	75	94	64	12229	571	502	13847	602
Totals	257½	3665	186	960	1108	1045	136052	6763	6048	155827	605

TABLE III.

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

LIBRARY STOCK.

CLASS.	No. of Vols. in Library, September, 1893.	Additions during the year.	Present Library Stock, 1894.
Arts and Sciences	1963	68	2004
Law and Politics	246	3	249
Natural History	542	3	545
Poetry and Drama	159	1	160
Theology and Philosophy	276	2	278
Light Literature...	63	...	63
History, Travels, Biography, &c.	1673	14	1687
Miscellaneous	1279	35	1314
Devonshire Library	1247	7	1254
Patent Library	2377	202*	2579
Total	9798	335	10133

Pamphlets not included in the above. *Patents are now received singly, and only *completed* volumes are here included. 140 abridgements of specifications, together with other Patent Office publications received during the year in addition to the above volumes.

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1893.														
October ...	27	312	12	90	57	17	61	247	330	154	...	...	1280	47
November ...	22	147	8	55	23	17	21	116	196	40	...	8	631	29
December ...	24	269	12	68	22	40	70	132	156	21	...	...	790	33
1894.														
January ...	27	382	5	112	116	83	127	269	374	188	...	...	1656	61
February ...	20	323	3	79	33	151	42	184	252	352	...	3	1422	71
March ...	22	324	6	59	46	160	43	166	234	183	...	...	1221	55
April	25	339	5	49	39	79	52	132	203	137	6	8	1049	42
May	25	321	9	61	32	17	28	171	181	41	...	10	871	35
June	14	157	7	43	19	16	19	99	133	12	...	7	512	37
July	26	340	12	60	67	15	21	147	151	5	...	12	830	32
August ...	26	338	11	114	51	34	36	254	191	153	...	18	1200	46
September ...	25	319	21	55	60	16	111	199	213	297	...	...	1291	52
Totals ...	283	3571	111	845	565	645	631	2116	2614	1583	6	66	12753	45

TABLE V.

MISCELLANEOUS.

MONTH.	No. of New Borrowers.		No. of Cards Cancelled.	No. of Overdue Books written for.	No. of Books Re-bound.	No. of Books Repaired and Numbered.
	Males.	Females.				
1893.						
October	82	44	13	35	...	295
November	85	44	11	84	...	394
December	68	32	13	33	...	308
1894.						
January	82	43	5	72	...	252
February	87	39	4	49	106	457
March...	56	39	12	34	152	174
April	60	28	8	78	...	323
May	52	25	10	63	...	341
June	14	16	...	...	...	612
July	61	33	7	5	40	30
August	57	42	9	18	...	427
September	74	44	9	53	...	303
Totals	778	429	101	524	298	3916

Approximate Total No. of Borrowers' Tickets now in force ... 7,500.

TABLE VI.

Occupations of the Last Thousand of the New Borrowers.

Agents and Collectors ...	8
Apprentices and Shop Assistants	57
Architects, Surveyors, and Draughtsmen	5
Bakers and Confectioners ...	7
Barmaids	4
Boiler Maker	1
Bookbinders, Printers, Lithographers, and Compositors	24
Boot and Shoe Makers ...	4
Brewer	1
Brush Maker	1
Builders, Bricklayers, and Plasterers	7
Butchers	6
Carpenters, Joiners, Cabinet Makers, and Upholsterers	13
Carriage and Wagon Builders	3
Carter	1
Chemist and Druggist ...	1
China Workers	7
Clergyman and Ministers ...	9
Clerks and Book-keepers ...	74
Coachman	1
Commercial Travellers ...	2
Contractor	1
Cook	1
Core Maker	1
Corset Maker	1
Corn Factors and Millers ...	2
Cricketer	1
Decorator	1
Domestic Servants	12
Drapers	4
Electricians	13
Engineers, Moulders, Smiths, Fitters, and Engine Drivers	61
Elastic Bandage Makers ...	2
Engraver	1
Errand and Office Boys ...	37
Factory Hands	35
Farmer	1
Farrier...	1
Fishmonger	1
Gardeners and Greengrocers	2
Grocers and Provision Dealers	4
Gunsmith	1
Hairdressers	2
Hotel Keeper	1
Housekeepers...	7
Inland Revenue Officers ...	4
Inspector	1
Labourers	15
Lace Maker	1
Laundress	1
Managers of Works	6
Manufacturers...	4
Medical Practitioners... ...	2
Messengers	13
Milliners and Dressmakers ...	27
Nurse	1
Optician	1
Packer...	1
Painters and Paperhangers ...	13
Pattern Maker	1
Photographer	1
Piano Tuner	1
Plumbers and Glaziers ...	5
Policemen	2
Polisher	1
Porters, Attendants, and Caretakers	5
Postman	1
Publicans	2
Railway Employés	10
Reporter	1
Rope Spinner	1
Scholars and Students ...	157
Skinners and Leather Dressers	3
Soldiers	2
Solicitor	1
Stationers	2
Surgical Bandage Makers ...	2
Tailoresses	6
Tailors, Hatters, and Hosiers	9
Teachers and Pupil Teachers	44
Telegraphists	6
Turners and Brass Finishers	6
Waiters	3
Warehousemen	4
Watchmakers and Jewellers ...	3
Weaver	1
Wheelwright	1
No Occupation	200
Total	1,000

TABLE VII.

GENERAL SUMMARY.

COMPARATIVE RETURNS.

	1893.	1894.
Lending Library Replacements	355	522
New Books	785	755
Total Books...	17402	17953
„ Issues...	145177	155827
Average Daily Issue	560·5	605
Turnover of each Volume	8·34	8·35
Reference Library:		
New Books	134	335
Total Books...	9798	10133
„ Issues...	14627	12753
Average Daily Issue	51	45
New Borrowers	1099	1207
Total Borrowers (approximate)	7500	7500
Numbers of Works issued per Borrower ...	19·36	20·51
Cards Cancelled	111	101
Overdue Books written for...	514	524
Books Rebound and Repaired	3705	4214

GENERAL DATA.

Population (estimated to June, 1894)	98,475
Rateable Value (September, 1894)	£404,611
Amount of Rate Levied	ONE PENNY
Amount produced by Rate	£1,640
Library Stock	28.52 PER CENT. OF POPULATION

Donations to the Library.

Agent General for New South Wales, The—Annual Report; Mines and Agriculture; An Australian Language; The Wealth and Progress of New South Wales, 1893.

Agent General for Victoria, The—Victoria and its Resources.

Agent General for Western Australia, The—Western Australia in 1893.

Allen, Messrs., W. H. & Co.—London in 1893.

Bemrose, William, Esq.—Report of the Commissioner of Education 1889-90; Official Catalogue of the British Section of the Chicago Exhibition, 1893.

Burdett, Henry C., Esq.—Prince, Princess, and People.

Burdett, Coutts, The Baroness—Women's Mission; Papers on the Philanthropic Work of Women.

Cassell & Co., Ltd., Messrs.—Cassell's Illustrated Almanac for 1894.

Champness & Co., Messrs.—The Insurance Blue Book and Guide for 1893-4.

Cobden Club, The—Various Publications.

Editor of "The News"—Current Volumne of "The News."

Ellison, Thomas P., Esq.—The Little Man Island (two copies).

Fisk, Francis, Esq.—Adcock's Engineer's Pocket Book; Skyring's Builder's Prices for 1894.

Fitzgerald, Mrs.—A Protest against Agnosticism; The Philosophy of Self-consciousness; A Treatise on the Principle of Sufficient Reason.

Griffith, Alexander, Esq.—The Cycle Calendar.

Hampton, W., Esq.—Hampton's Scholastic Directory and Hotel Guide 1893.

Holborow, Arthur, Esq.—Evolution and Scripture.

Horniman Museum, The—Annual Report.

Hull, Mr. Thomas H.—Speeches of Charles Bradlaugh.

Iliffe, William, Esq.—Seventeenth Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for Derby, 1893.

Irish Unionist Alliance Co.—Ireland as it is, and would be under Home Rule; Notes from Ireland, 1893; Twenty-five Years in the Secret Service; Irish Unionist Alliance Publications.

Library Reports from Aberdeen, Barking, Barrow-in-Furness, Battersea, Belfast, Birkenhead, Birmingham, Blackburn, Blackpool, Bolton, Bootle, Bradford, Brentford, Brighton, Bristol, Buxton, Camberwell, Cardiff, Chelsea, Cheltenham, Chester, Clapham, Clerkenwell, Clitheroe, Cork, Coventry, Croydon, Darwen, Doncaster, Ealing, Gosport, Great Yarmouth, Halifax, Hammersmith, Holborn, Hove, Kidderminster, Leamington, Leeds, Leicester, Lenton, Liverpool, Loughborough, Norwich, Nottingham, Plymouth, Portsmouth, Preston, Richmond (Surrey), Rochdale, Salford, Sheffield, Smethwick, Southampton, St. Giles's, St. Helen's, St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Stafford, Streatham, Swansea, Tynemouth, West Bromwich, Westminster, Whitechapel, Wolverhampton.

Lipshytz, C. T., Esq.—The Handwriting on the Wall; The Casting Out of Satan into the Earth.

Midland Railway Co., Directors of The—Two Framed Maps of the Midland Railway System.

Midland Railway Institute, The—Classified Catalogue, 1894.

North British Railway, Directors of The—Framed Map of the North British Railway System.

Ogle, W., Esq., J.P.—Annual Reports of the British Association.

Pitman & Son, Messrs. Isaac—Pitman's Shorthand and Typewriting Year Book and Diary, 1894.

Rawlings Edward, Esq.—Annotated Paragraph Bible.

Rickard Douglas, Esq.—Volumes 1—35, English Mechanic.

Robson, William, Esq.—The Lord's Supper.

Sampson, Low, Marston & Co., Messrs.—Hic Et Ubique.

Secretary, Brewer's Exhibition, 1893—Official Catalogue of the 1893 Brewer's and Allied Traders' Annual Exhibition.

Secretary, Durham University—University Calendar, 1894.

Secretary, Iron and Steel Institute—Journal of the Iron and Steel Institute, 1893-4; Special American Volume, and List of Members of the Iron and Steel Institute.

Secretary, Royal Colonial Institute—Proceedings of the Royal Colonial Institute, Volume 25, 1893-4.

Secretary of State for India—Volume 41, "Sacred Books of the East."

Secretary, Technical College, Glasgow—Calendar, 1893-4.

Smithsonian Institute, The—Catalogue of "A. L. A." Library; Statistics of Public Libraries in the U. S. and Canada (two copies); The Climatology and Physical Features of Maryland.

Stokes, A. H., Esq.—Official Catalogue of the British Section of the Chicago Exhibition, 1893; Catalogue of Lovejoy's Library, Reading.

Stubbs & Co., Messrs.—Stubbs' Manufacturers, Merchants, Shippers, and Professional Directory, 1894.

Sykes, John, Esq., M.D.—Collection of Pedigrees compiled by the late Thomas Norris Ince.

University Correspondence College, Tutorial Series (per Messrs. W. B. Clive & Co.)—University Correspondence Calendar for 1893-4; Text Book of Biology, Part II.; History of Rome; B. A. Directory, 1893; Elementary Text Book of Mechanics; Elementary Qualitative Analysis; Greek Reader; London Matriculation Directory, 1894; London University Calendar, 1894-5. Also "The University Correspondent." Pamphlets, Leaflets, &c.

West Highland Railway, Directors of the—Mountain, Moor, and Loch.

Donations to the Museum.

Bemrose, Mr. Charles—Case of Sea Birds.

Campion, Mr. R. W.—Two Cinerary Urns and contents, found near Blankney, Lincolnshire, in 1882, during Construction of the Spalding and Lincoln Railway.

Cooke, Mr. L. M.—Echinus, and Egg of Eider Duck.

Davis, Mr. Henry—Specimens of Plumbago and Asbestos.

Midland Railway Co., Directors of The—Large Tusk and sundry other Remains found at Helpston.

Mosby, Mr. George—Specimen of Iron Pyrites, Crystals on Calcite.

Mountford, Mr. John – Blue and White Jug.

Topham, Mr. F.—King Parrakeet; (Platycercus Scapulatus.)

Donations to the Art Gallery.

H. Boden, Esq., J.P. and Mrs. Boden—Collection of Derby China. Seventy-two pieces.

W. Bemrose, Esq., J.P.—One old Crown Derby Dessert Plate, formerly belonging to the Barry family.

W. England, Esq.—Two Cloud-Studies in the Alps.

ABSTRACT OF ACCOUNTS.

Derby Free

Abstract of the Accounts for the

Dr. REPAIRS AND ALTERATIONS

	£	s.	d.
To Joiner's, Plumber's, and Gas Fitter's Work	17	15	4
„ Locksmith's Work, and Repairing Electric Bells... ...	3	7	9
„ Builder's Work	14	10	1
„ Painting Interior of Library and Museum	82	9	7
„ Painting Librarian's and Porter's Houses...	14	3	7
„ Wiring and Fittings for Electric Light	422	7	3
„ Lamps for Electric Light	13	8	6
	£568	2	1

SALARIES AND

To W. Crowther, Chief Librarian and Curator	240	0	0
„ J. A. Miller, Assistant Librarian...	68	10	0
„ W. H. Walton, „ „	83	0	0
„ E. J. Crowther, „ „	28	15	0
„ W. Lowndes, „ „	21	0	0
„ W. L. Coltman, „ „	16	12	0
„ H. M. Haywood, Committee Clerk	40	0	0
„ Porter's Wages, and Assistant Cleaners	71	8	0
„ Watson, Sowter & Co., Auditors	7	7	0
	£576	12	0

LIBRARY

To New Books	336	6	7
„ Binding and Repairing Books	147	17	4
„ Binding Materials	7	3	3
„ Palæontographical Society's Reports	1	1	0
„ Printing Post Cards and other Notices and Forms ...	26	4	0
„ Printing Fines Books	4	4	0
	£522	16	2

Library, &c.

Year ending September 29th, 1894.

TO PREMISES ACCOUNT. Cr

	£	s.	d.
By Free Library Rate Account	568	2	1
	£568	2	1

WAGES ACCOUNT.

By Free Library Rate Account	576	12	0
	£576	12	0

ACCOUNT.

By Sale of Catalogues	5	16	9
„ Fines upon Readers for Detention of Books	73	14	5
„ Fees for New Tickets and Post Cards	10	16	3
„ Lost and Damaged Books	1	4	3
„ Free Library Rate Account	431	4	6
	£522	16	2

Dr. READING AND NEWS

	£	s.	d.
To Magazines and Periodicals	33	12	4
„ Newspapers, Illustrated Papers, &c.	58	1	11
„ Directories	9	0	6
„ Framed Maps of Derbyshire	5	0	0
	£105	14	9

MUSEUM

To Models, Specimens, and Mounting same	5	12	6
„ Herbarium, Purchased	25	0	0
	£30	12	6

DERBY

To Free Library Rate at One Farthing in the £, one Quarter to 25th December, 1893	410	0	0
„ Ditto, Quarter ending 25th March, 1894	410	0	0
„ Ditto, Quarter ending 24th June, 1894	410	0	0
„ Ditto, Quarter ending 29th September, 1894	410	0	0
	£1640	0	0

ROOMS ACCOUNT. Cr.

	£	s.	d.
By Sale of Old Newspapers, &c.	5	8	10
„ Free Library Rate Account	100	5	11
	£105	14	9

ACCOUNT.

By Free Library Rate Account	30	12	6
	£30	12	6

CORPORATION.

By Treasurer, Free Library Rate, granted Nov. 9th, 1893 ...	410	0	0
„ Ditto, granted February 7th, 1894	410	0	0
„ Ditto, granted May 2nd, 1894	410	0	0
„ Ditto, granted August 1st, 1894	410	0	0
	£1640	0	0

Dr. ESTABLISHMENT

	£	s.	d.
To Gas and Exchanging Meter	44	3	3
,, Electric Light	89	13	7
,, Water	3	9	10
,, Coal	37	6	3
,, Fire Insurance	17	12	10
,, Ironmongery	2	18	4
,, Plants, Bulbs, &c. for Garden	8	14	9
,, Petty Cash Payments by Librarian	46	0	3
,, Printing Annual Reports	9	13	6
,, Various Printing and Stationery	12	12	9
,, Cleaning Windows	7	10	0
,, Property Tax and House Duty	12	18	4
,, Miscellaneous Expenses	3	1	4
,, Commission Charged by Bankers	2	13	0
,, Clothing for Porter...	4	4	6
,, Winding Clock	3	0	0
,, National Telephone Co. Annual Subscription	5	5	0
,, Canvas Hose for Cleaning	5	11	10
,, Fire Hose, Fittings, and Ladder	11	14	3
	£328	3	7

RATE

To Repairs and Alterations to Premises	568	2	1
,, Salaries and Wages...	576	12	0
,, Library	431	4	6
,, Reading and News Rooms	100	5	11
,, Museum	30	12	6
,, Establishment	323	4	0
,, Balance	87	17	7
	£2117	18	7

BALANCE

ASSETS.

*,, Balance	84	6	0
,, ,, Librarian's hands	3	11	7
	£87	17	7

*Liabilities :

Heating Apparatus	£12	10	0
Painting Exterior of Institution	37	10	0
Renovating Museum Specimens	20	0	0
	£70	0	0

ACCOUNT. **Cr.**

	£	s.	d.
By Derby Mechanics' Institute, Acknowledgment for Encroachment	0	1	0
,, Interest allowed by Bankers	3	15	7
,, Allowance on Electric Light Account	1	3	0
,, Free Library Rate Account	323	4	0
	£328	3	7

ACCOUNT.

By Balance brought forward	477	18	7
,, Quarterly Rates granted by the Derby Corporation ...	1640	0	0
	£2117	18	7

SHEET.

LIABILITIES.

By Free Library and Museum	87	17	7
	£87	17	7

H. M. HAYWOOD, Clerk.

We have examined the several Accounts of the Derby Free Library and Museum, for the year ending September 29th, 1894, and hereby certify that they are correct.—Dated this 29th day of October, 1894.

WATSON, SOWTER & Co., *Auditors appointed by the Corporation.*
GEORGE FROST, }
JAMES HARWOOD, } *Auditors appointed by the Burgesses.*
HENRY BOAM, *Auditor appointed by the Mayor.*

Derby Corporation

Abstract of the Accounts for the

Dr.

WAGES

	£	s.	d.
To Wages to Attendant at Turnstile and Charwoman ...	79	15	0
,, Watson, Sowter & Co., Auditors	3	3	0
	£82	18	0

REPAIRS AND

To Gas Fitter's Work	2	14	1
,, Builder's and Slater's Work	10	4	3
,, Painting	27	1	8
	£40	0	0

COLLECTION AND CARRIAGE OF

To Collection and Carriage of Pictures, &c., and obtaining Loans	187	9	3
	£187	9	3

ESTABLISHMENT

To Fire Insurance	8	14	11
,, Gas and Exchanging Meter	4	15	3
,, Electric Light	34	14	9
,, Coal...	4	17	7
,, Ironmongery	2	11	10
,, Advertising	1	15	0
,, Printing, Stationery, and Posting	39	5	5
,, Printing Catalogues	49	8	11
,, Hire of Piano for Concerts	6	13	0
,, Printing Programmes for Concerts	3	10	0
,, Petty Cash Payments by Curator	22	5	8
,, Interest, Commission, and Cheque Books charged by Bankers	11	5	10
,, Medals for Photographic Exhibition	20	16	3
	£210	14	5

Art Gallery.

Year ending September 29th, 1894.

ACCOUNT. **Cr.**

	£	s.	d.
By Art Gallery Account	82	18	0
	£82	18	0

ALTERATIONS ACCOUNT.

By Art Gallery Account	40	0	0
	£40	0	0

PICTURES AND LOANS ACCOUNT.

By Art Gallery Account	187	9	3
	£187	9	3

ACCOUNT.

By Advertisements in Catalogues	£22	8	0			
„ Sale of Catalogues	24	18	7			
				47	6	7
„ Allowance on Electric Lighting Account				2	2	6
„ Art Gallery Account				161	5	4
				£210	14	5

Dr. DERBY CORPORATION

	£	s.	d.
To Balance brought forward	328	17	3
	£328	17	3

ART GALLERY

To Wages	82	18	0
„ Repairs and Alterations	40	0	0
„ Collection and Carriage of Pictures, &c.	187	9	3
„ Establishment	161	5	4
	£471	12	7

BALANCE

ASSETS.

To Art Gallery Revenue Account	378	6	9
	£378	6	9

ACCOUNT. **Cr.**

	£	s.	d.
By Derby Corporation, Amount owing to Banker at 29th September, 1893	328	17	3
	£328	17	3

REVENUE ACCOUNT.

By Autumn Exhibition, 1893–4.						
Receipts at Turnstile	£30	4	10			
Commission on Pictures sold ...	12	15	0			
				42	19	10
,, Spring Exhibition, 1894.						
Receipts at Turnstile	£29	16	2			
Commission on Pictures sold ...	5	9	0			
				35	5	2
,, Summer Exhibition, 1894.						
Receipts at Turnstile				15	0	10
,, Balance (deficiency)				378	6	9
				£471	12	7

SHEET.

LIABILITIES.

By Treasurer (amount owing)	378	6	9
	£378	6	9

H. M. HAYWOOD, Clerk.

We have examined the several Accounts of the Derby Art Gallery for the year ending 29th September, 1894, and hereby certify that they are correct.

Dated this 29th day of October, 1894.

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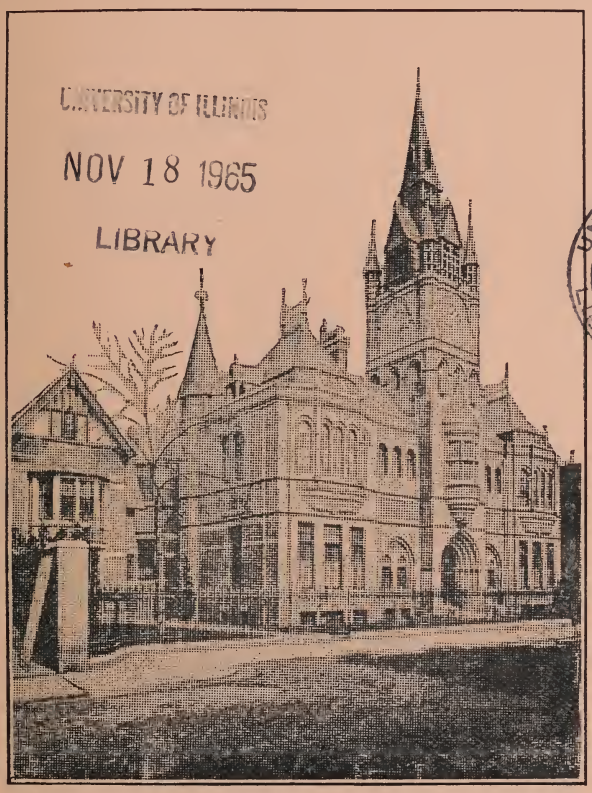

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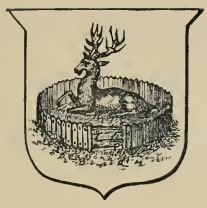

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TWENTY-FOURTH

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Borough of Derby.

Twenty-Fourth Annual Report

OF THE

Free Library and Museum Committee,

For the Year ended September 30th, 1895.

THE Free Library and Museum Committee present their Twenty-Fourth Annual Report to the Town Council with very great pleasure, believing that at no time in its history has the Institution been doing more or better work than at the present, and that the advantages it offers to the Ratepayers have never been more highly appreciated.

The issue of books in both Lending and Reference Departments shows a substantial increase, which would have been greater still were it not for the fact that during the two months preceding the opening of the new Children's Department, juvenile books were gradually withdrawn from circulation. 1258 New Books were added during the year, of which 221 were replacements, and the total Library stock in all departments is 29,173 books. A change foreshadowed in the last Report has now taken place, and with excellent effect. One of the rooms has been specially fitted as a Children's Library, and to stock it about 900 books were withdrawn from the main Lending Library, and about 500 new ones purchased. Juvenile readers from 8 to 14 years of age have now a well-selected Library of 1,400 volumes. Considerable relief has been afforded to the over-crowded shelves in the Lending Department, and older people can get their wants attended to with greater celerity. During the three months the department has been open, more than three hundred borrowers have been enrolled, and the daily issue amounts to about fifty volumes.

The Committee have made another new departure during the past year. A good deal has been said from time to time about providing a a branch in the Litchurch division of the Borough, and a step has been

taken in that direction. The Arboretum Committee was approached for the purpose of securing the tenancy of the room near the Rosehill Street entrance to the Arboretum, known as the Refreshment Room. They met this Committee very liberally in the matter, and possession was obtained at Michaelmas. The room has been put into repair, and thoroughly cleaned, and on October 31st it was opened as a Reading Room, in which capacity alone it is proposed to use it for some six months to come. A representative number of Papers and Magazines, daily, weekly, and monthly are supplied, and will no doubt be much appreciated. The question of a Library is merely one of finance. There is plenty of room for the accommodation of as many books as the neighbourhood would require, when a suitable time comes for providing them. At present, however, the Committee feel that providing the requisite sum for starting such a Library is a task which with their present income they could scarcely undertake, although once started, they would find little difficulty in maintaining it. In similar cases, in other towns, books have often been obtained by local effort, or as a gift from some public spirited citizen, and this Committee would gladly hear of such a result following the provision of the premises here.

A portion of the new Catalogue of the Library has been accomplished during the past year. The Scientific books were considered the most important to be dealt with first, as being most in arrear, presenting the most formidable task, and being generally of the most importance. The work was a difficult one, but it has been successfully coped with, and the Lending portion was issued some months ago, forming a volume of 150 closely printed pages. The Reference portion will be nearly as large, and both it and the Children's Catalogue are now going through the press. Other portions of the Catalogue will be dealt with directly these are finished. This has added much to the Librarian's duties during the year, and the Committee have been obliged to obtain for him additional temporary clerical help.

The Building is in a good state of repair. The Electric Light installation has proved a complete success. There have been no serious complaints to make as to the supply, and although, as was expected, it is more expensive than gas, the light is better, the air is purer, and there is little or no deterioration in the painting of the walls and ceilings. For the first time since 1881, there is a balance on the wrong side of the account of about £104. This has been occasioned

by the special expenses which have had to be incurred. These include a sum of nearly £75 for the purposes of the Children's Library; £75 for the preparation and printing of the Scientific Catalogue; and nearly £60 for work which had to be undertaken in the Curator's house in consequence of the necessity for the re-arrangement of the water supply. There is no reason for supposing that the expenses of next year will include any abnormal items, and consequently this state of things will in due time be remedied.

The best thanks of the Committee are due to those who kindly gave books, papers, and other articles to the institution during the past year, and among these should be specially mentioned the late James Adey Birds, Esq., who died at Bournemouth last December, and left by his will his Geological and Mineralogical collections to the Museum. The Trustees of the British Museum have also handed over some very valuable duplicate mammals, reptiles, shells, and insects, and the donors of books and papers have been as numerous as usual.

The Committee cannot close this Report without placing on record their sense of the efficient manner in which the Librarian discharges his many duties, and the loyalty with which his efforts for the benefits of the Institution are seconded by all the members of his staff.

On behalf of the Committee,

GEORGE BOTTOMLEY,

CHAIRMAN.

November 1st, 1895.

To the Chairman and Members of the Derby Free Library and Museum Committee.

GENTLEMEN,

I HAVE the honour and pleasure of laying before you my Tenth Annual Report. The past year has been the busiest I have ever had in your service. The ordinary work, as the accompanying Tables show, is ever increasing. A new Department for Children has been organised and set to work. The whole of the scientific books have been newly catalogued, and the necessary arrangements have been made for opening a Branch Reading Room. In addition, a considerable amount of re-arrangement has been done in the Museum, and my work in connection with the Art Gallery increases rather than diminishes. My time has therefore been very fully employed, but, thanks to your ready co-operation and the loyal and willing help I receive from the whole of the staff, whose duties, like my own, are at times extremely heavy, the work has been done pleasantly enough, and I hope and believe to your satisfaction and that of the ratepayers.

A few figures, by way of comparison, will say more as to the increase of the Library and its work than anything else, and these I give below.

	TOTAL BOOKS.	TOTAL ISSUES.	DAILY AVERAGE.
November, 1885	20,970	111,864	438
,, 1890	24,673	146,649	552
,, 1895	29,173	172,262	658

The special figures belonging to this year's work will be found in the accompanying Tables, which, I think, contain all information likely to be interesting, and do not present any special features in any of the results shown. New books have been steadily added, and all departments of the Library kept well up to date, sufficient new books to give

the Children's Library a good start having been made a special feature. I have again to report that there is very little to complain of in the way the books are used, and such damage as comes under our notice is rather the result of carelessness than any attempt at wilful injury. With the Children's Library we shall have more opportunity of careful supervision and examination, and I am glad to say that up to the present there has been absolutely no occasion for complaint. The habit of making marginal notes, is not quite extinct with some of our older readers, but the comments rarely exhibit any critical value, and are mostly an exposure of the writer's ignorance of the subject he comments upon.

I think it is well to reiterate the fact that we take every possible precaution to prevent the Library becoming a means of spreading infection. I am constantly asked for information as to what we do, and it may perhaps be as well to state once again that we are regularly supplied, by the Sanitary Authority, with a list of the infected houses in the Borough, and under no circumstances is a book, which at the time is in such a house, allowed to come back to the Library. The householder is immediately warned and the book burned, either by an official of the Sanitary Authority, or by ourselves should it be brought to us.

The number of new borrowers added during the year is about normal. Table VI shows the occupations of the last thousand of them, and presents several interesting features, and their distribution in the various Wards of the town is nearly the same as in previous years. The accompanying Table shows this distribution.

WARD.	Per Thousand.	
	Actual Number of Borrowers.	Number to be expected according to Population.
Arboretum	133	168
Babington	162	122
Becket	232	198
Castle	64	115
Derwent	52	64
Friar Gate	127	113
King's Mead	117	145
Litchurch	113	75

The News Rooms are just as extensively used as ever, and are at times inconveniently crowded. There are no complaints to be made about the conduct of those who use them, except that we have not been entirely free from pilfering during the year. I am sorry to say that the majority of these petty thefts are of such a character as to indicate that they are not perpetrated by the most ignorant among the readers, and that the thieves, judging by the choice they make, must possess a considerable amount of literary discrimination and artistic taste. I am sure that offenders of this kind are a very small minority amongst those who use the Rooms, and that the great majority of our visitors are as anxious as we are ourselves that proper order in every way should be maintained.

Important donations have been made to the Museum this year, as referred to in the Chairman's Report. The Birds collection has been thoroughly overhauled and cleaned, and a portion of it placed on exhibition. The Committee hope to arrange for the bulk of the specimens it contains being lent to various Schools for teaching purposes, after the blanks in our own collection have been filled up. The duplicates received from the British Museum Trustees, which I was allowed to personally select, enabled us to complete as large a collection of typical Reptilia as we have space for. Our previous stock was carefully gone through, imperfect specimens destroyed, and uniform stoppered jars purchased. The whole collection has been properly labelled and placed in position, and when one or two English specimens have been obtained, which is only a matter of time, the Reptiles will be as complete a collection as the room at our disposal will permit.

As in former years, I had the pleasure of attending the Annual Conference of the Library Association, held this year at Cardiff. The proceedings were interesting, and the discussions on Library work profitable, and not the least valuable feature was a complete exhibition of Library fittings and appliances. I had the honour of being elected for the fifth time a member of the Council of the Association.

There has been, I am glad to say, no change in our staff during the past year, and I have once more to express my satisfaction with the

way in which they one and all discharge their duties. As heretofore the Derby newspapers have been willing coadjutors with me in everything that has tended to the benefit of the Institution, and to those connected with them I am under many and deep obligations. Finally I have to thank you all for your kindly help and consideration, and to express the hope that the work here, in which I find the greatest possible pleasure, may always be carried on in such a way as to deserve your approval and merit a continuance of your confidence.

I remain, Gentlemen,

Very faithfully yours,

WILLIAM CROWTHER,

Librarian and Curator.

November 1st, 1895.

THIRTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF

The Corporation Art Gallery Committee.

THE Art Gallery Committee have pleasure in presenting their Thirteenth Annual Report to the Town Council. The Gallery has been open 249 days, and the number of visitors for the last three years may be seen by reference to the following Table:—

	1892-93	1893-94	1894-95
Visitors to Autumn Exhibition	17399	20300	17747
,, Spring ,, ...	17456	20840	18070
,, Summer ,, ...	11290	13156	11980
Total Visitors	46145	54296	47797
Total Days Open by Payment	156	164	160
,, ,, Free	83	86	89
Total Days Open ...	239	250	249
Average on Paying Days	85·	83	68
,, Free Days	396·4	473	415

The absence of any special attraction and the long and severe winter did much to make the number of visitors below that of last year, both in gross and in average. The highest number admitted on a paying day was 428 on Whit Monday; and the highest on a Free Day, 844 on Easter Wednesday. The Council will be interested to know that during the first four years the Gallery was open, the visitors numbered 105,139; during the second four years 124,465; and during the third similar period, 209,091; the total visitors during the thirteen years being 486,492.

The deficit to be paid by the Council is less than last year's by £51. The pictures sold during the Exhibitions were of a Catalogue value of £505 17s. 0d., or £86 in excess of last year, and the number of catalogues sold reached 5,412. The Art Union realised the sum of £75 8s. 0d., rather less than usual. The Exhibitions have been kept up to their usual standard of merit, and as a proof that the Gallery is growing in popular repute, the Hanging Committee at their last few exhibitions have always had more pictures submitted to them than they were able to hang, a very different state of affairs from that which obtained some few years since. The Spring Exhibition was a specially interesting one, and the thanks of the Committee are due to those gentlemen who kindly lent pictures. A good selection was made from the pictures of the Newlyn School, which had been on exhibition at Nottingham Castle, and a considerable number of pictures came on to us from the Birmingham Winter Exhibition, while the President and Council of the Royal Academy lent us the beautiful Chantrey Bequest picture, "Hopeless Dawn," by Mr. Frank Bramley, A.R.A. For the Summer Exhibition the Committee secured the Third Historical Travelling Collection of Water-Colours from South Kensington Museum, a collection specially interesting from a student's point of view; and for the Upper Gallery, the collection of pictures by Mr. Byron Cooper, illustrative of Tennysonland. These two collections made a very attractive Exhibition.

The Autumn Exhibition, now in progress, is fully up to the average in the number and merit of the pictures exhibited, and is especially strong in Water-Colours. During the month it has been open, it has been attended by 6,000 visitors.

The contents of the four cases lent to the Art Gallery by the Department of Science and Art were changed at the usual time, and the objects now on loan include a case of electrotypes, one of Oriental China, and some very choice specimens of early English iron and woodwork, as well as some very good Indian objects. The Committee again have to acknowledge the ready courtesy of the Department, and the anxiety of the officials to send such specimens as the Committee desire, and more particularly those likely to be useful to the Art Industries of the district.

The tenth Season of Promenade Concerts took place on the Saturday Evenings of last winter, and repeated the successes of former

seasons. The Committee are glad to take this opportunity of thanking very heartily all those who assist in these pleasant entertainments, which have done so much to popularise the Gallery.

The Electric Light continues to give satisfaction, and is not more expensive than was expected. Its cost during the past year has been £34 10s. against £36 last year, and about £8 more than the last gas bill. On the other hand the Gallery is much better lighted, and the painting and decoration of the building show little or no signs of deterioration, and will last at least twice as long as it has done previously.

The Committee are glad to report that more use has been made of the Gallery by students, for copying purposes, during the past year than at any time during its existence, and they hope that the usefulness of the Gallery will go on increasing. They desire once more to acknowledge the valuable services of the Curator, to whose zeal and assiduity in the discharge of his duties much of the success of the Art Gallery is due.

On behalf of the Committee,

WILLIAM BEMROSE,

CHAIRMAN.

November 1st, 1895.

TABLE I.

LENDING DEPARTMENT.

LIBRARY STOCK.

CLASS.	1 No. of Volumes in Library, September, 1894.	2 Volumes lost and paid for.	3 Vols. from Infected Houses Destroyed.	4 Volumes Totally Lost.	5 Volumes Withdrawn as worn out.	6 Transferred to Children's Department.	7 Total.	Stock reduced as per Column 7.	Number of Books Replaced.	Number of New Books.	Present Library Stock, 1895.	Total Increase.	Total Decrease.	Percentage of Books in each Class.
Arts and Sciences... ...	1807	...	...	...	4	10	14	1793	...	41	1834	27	...	9.78
Law and Politics	256	...	...	...	1	...	1	255	...	10	265	9	...	1.41
Natural History	429	...	...	...	1	21	22	407	...	24	431	2	...	2.30
Poetry and Drama... ...	627	...	...	...	...	...	...	627	...	11	638	11	...	3.40
Theology & Philosophy ...	957	...	...	...	...	...	...	957	...	26	983	26	...	5.24
Light Literature	6428	6	3	4	400	838	1251	5177	214	253	5644	...	784	30.09
Children's Department ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	910	474	1384	1384	...	7.39
History, Travels, & Biography	5821	...	...	...	20	4	24	5797	6	120	5923	102	...	31.58
Miscellaneous	1628	...	1	...	17	37	55	1573	1	78	1652	24	...	8.81
Totals	17953	6	4	4	443	910	1367	16586	1131	1037	18754	1585	784	100.00

TABLE II.

LENDING DEPARTMENT.

SHOWING THE MONTHLY ISSUE IN EACH CLASS, THE NUMBER OF DAYS THE LIBRARY WAS OPEN, THE TOTAL VOLUMES ISSUED, AND THE DAILY AVERAGE.

MONTH.	No. of Days Open.	Science and Art.	Politics and Commerce.	Natural History.	Theology and Philosophy.	Poetry and Drama.	Fiction.	History, Biography, and Travel.	Miscellaneous.	Children's Library.	Total.	Daily Average of Volumes.
1894.												
October	24½	363	21	82	101	91	13074	628	609	...	14969	611
November	24	413	22	82	102	83	13515	797	628	...	15642	652
December	19½	328	20	64	121	68	11638	682	611	...	13532	694
1895.												
January	24½	357	21	64	137	107	13324	797	656	...	15463	631
February	22	367	18	60	119	90	12703	713	579	...	14649	666
March	20½	367	35	71	146	82	13667	715	655	...	15738	767
April	22	378	22	65	118	73	12359	592	563	...	14170	645
May	24½	297	14	72	124	68	11542	474	560	...	13151	537
June	6½	77	1	29	20	12	2213	86	122	...	2560	394
July	24½	269	19	57	79	68	9360	462	434	603	11351	463
August	24	307	27	56	79	78	10979	504	537	907	13474	560
September	23	350	12	43	72	74	10671	577	459	922	13180	573
Totals	259½	3873	232	745	1218	894	135045	7027	6413	2432	157879	608

TABLE III.

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

LIBRARY STOCK.

CLASS.	No. of Vols. in Library, September, 1894.	Additions during the year.	Present Library Stock, 1895.
Arts and Sciences	2004	87	2091
Law and Politics	240	6	255
Natural History	545	18	563
Poetry and Drama	160	1	161
Theology and Philosophy	278	3	281
Light Literature	63	...	63
History, Travels, Biography, &c.	1687	24	1711
Miscellaneous	1314	21	1335
Devonshire Library	1254	4	1258
Patent Library	2579	122*	2701
Total	10133	286	10419

Pamphlets not included in the above.

*Patents are now received singly, and only *completed* volumes are here included.

TABLE IV.

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

SHOWING THE MONTHLY ISSUE IN EACH CLASS, THE NUMBER OF DAYS THE LIBRARY WAS OPEN, THE TOTAL VOLUMES ISSUED, AND THE DAILY AVERAGE.

MONTH.	No. of Days Open.	Science and Art.	Politics and Commerce.	Natural History.	Theology and Philosophy.	Poetry and Drama.	Fiction.	History, Biography, and Travel.	Miscellaneous.	Patent Library.	Books for Blind.	Devonshire Library.	Total.	Daily Average of Volumes.
1894.														
October ...	27	433	17	92	119	27	66	255	246	60	...	2	1317	49
November ...	26	437	15	52	71	10	16	282	375	691	...	3	1952	75
December ...	21	293	12	40	35	10	48	198	231	169	...	...	1036	49
1895.														
January ...	27	365	10	70	24	16	27	224	212	137	...	2	1087	40
February ...	24	455	4	37	47	17	22	174	223	75	..	...	1054	44
March ...	22	448	9	67	55	12	36	191	231	253	...	...	1302	59
April	24	410	10	87	75	28	45	183	197	198	...	...	1233	52
May	27	298	17	89	45	15	80	188	161	268	...	5	1166	43
June	10	84	1	22	6	2	20	56	33	4	...	..	228	23
July	27	188	11	47	28	11	28	132	93	358	...	...	896	33
August ...	26	269	17	127	30	51	50	221	100	195	...	7	1067	41
September...	25	318	14	32	34	31	89	267	111	1113	...	36	2045	82
Totals ...	286	3998	137	762	569	230	527	2371	2213	3521	...	55	14383	50

TABLE V.

MISCELLANEOUS.

MONTH.	No. of New Borrowers.			No. of Cards Cancelled.	No. of Overdue Books written for.	No. of Books Re-bound.	No. of Books Repaired and Numbered.
	Males.	Females.	Children's Departmt.				
1894							
October	84	41	...	...	61	163	424
November	86	51	...	9	73	...	458
December	37	22	...	5	26	...	219
1895							
January	61	49	...	...	104	...	235
February...	81	38	...	6	15	...	246
March	55	39	...	17	37	117	578
April	54	37	...	14	64	142	232
May	46	22	...	13	100	138	163
June	13	5	...	...	...	112	1266
July	35	29	149	13	7	122	549
August	32	39	58	14	17	26	526
September	61	41	55	8	70	...	348
Totals	645	413	262	99	574	820	5244

Approximate Total No. of Borrowers' Tickets now in force ... 7,500.

TABLE VI.

Occupations of the Last Thousand of the New Borrowers.

Accountant	1
Agents and Collectors ...	8
Apprentices & Shop Assistants	61
Architects, Surveyors, and Draughtsmen	6
Bakers and Confectioners ...	4
Bank Cashiers	3
Boiler Maker	1
Bookbinders, Printers, Lithographers, & Compositors	17
Boot and Shoe Makers ...	2
Box Maker	1
Brewer...	1
Brush Makers	2
Builders, Bricklayers, and Plasterers	6
Butchers	5
Carpenters, Joiners, Cabinet Makers and Upholsterers	17
Carriage and Wagon Builders	9
Chemists and Druggists ...	6
China Workers	4
Clergymen and Ministers ...	7
Clerks and Book-keepers ...	73
Coachman	1
Commercial Travellers ...	6
Cooper...	1
Corset Maker	1
Decorators	3
Domestic Servants	18
Drapers	5
Electricians	7
Engineers, Moulders, Smiths, Fitters & Engine Drivers	50
Elastic Bandage Maker ...	1
Engraver	1
Errand and Office Boys ...	26
Factory Hands	26
Farmer	1
Gardeners and Greengrocers	3
Grocers & Provision Dealers	9
Grooms	2
Hairdressers	2
Hotel Keeper	1
Housekeepers	12
Inland Revenue Officer ...	1
Ironmongers	2
Labourers	19
Laundress	1
Locksmith	1
Managers of Works	6
Manufacturers	2
Merchants	2
Medical Practitioners ...	2
Messengers	7
Milliners and Dressmakers ...	36
Musical Instrument Dealer ...	1
Musicians	3
Naturalist	1
Nurses...	5
Packer...	1
Painters and Paperhangers ...	8
Pattern Maker	1
Photographer	1
Piano Tuners	2
Plumbers and Glaziers ...	4
Porters, Attendants, and Caretakers...	10
Postmen	3
Publican	1
Railway Employés	5
Reporters	4
Rope Spinner...	1
Scholars and Students ...	160
Skinners & Leather Dressers	2
Stationers	2
Tailoresses	3
Tailors, Hatters, and Hosiers	12
Teachers and Pupil Teachers	50
Telegraphists	3
Turners and Brass Finishers	7
Waitresses	4
Warehousemen	5
Watchmaker and Jeweller ...	1
Weavers	4
Wheelwrights	2
No Occupation	205
Total	1,000

TABLE VII.

GENERAL SUMMARY.

COMPARATIVE RETURNS.

	1894.	1895.
Lending Library Replacements	522	221
New Books	755	1037
Total Books...	17953	18754
,, Issues	155827	157879
Average Daily Issue	605	608
Turnover of each Volume	8·35	8·42
Reference Library :—		
New Books	335	286
Total Books.	10133	10419
,, Issues	12753	14383
Average Daily Issue	45	50
New Borrowers	1207	1320
Total Borrowers (approximate)	7500	7500
Numbers of Works issued per Borrower ...	20·51	23·1
Cards Cancelled	101	99
Overdue Books written for	524	574
Books Rebound and Repaired	4214	6064

GENERAL DATA.

Population (estimated to June, 1895)	100,272
Rateable Value (September, 1895)	£412,051
Amount of Rate Levied	One Penny.
Amount produced by Rate	£1,640
Library Stock	29·4 PER CENT. OF POPULATION

Donations to the Library.

Art Gallery and Museum Reports from Cardiff, Leeds, Nottingham.

Ashworth, James, Esq., M.E.—A Review of the Coal Dust Question.

Alleyne, Sir John—Back numbers of "Nature" & "Engineering."

Bemrose, William, Esq., J.P.—Illustrations of China and its People. 4 vols.

Bemrose, H. Arnold, Esq., M.A., F.G.S —Pamphlets relating to the Geology and Mineralogy of Derbyshire.

Booth, Charles, Esq.—Life and Labour of the People in East London, with Appendix and Maps.

Brewster, F. Carroll, Esq.—"Disraeli in Outline."

Bridge House Estates Committee of the City of London, The—History of the Tower Bridge.

Briscoe, J. Potter, Esq.—Figaro in Chesterfield.

Browne, T. B., Ltd.—Advertisers' A B C and Press Directory for 1895.

Colburn, George, Esq.—Poems on Mankind and Nature.

Commissioner of Education, The—Washington—Annual Report of the Commissioner of Education for 1890—91.

Corporation of the City of London (per Sir John Monckton).—London and the Kingdom. Vols 2 and 3.

Cox, Arthur, Esq.—Journal of the Derbyshire Archœological Society, 1894.

Dent, Miss—Mazzarotte, or the Constellations.

Derby, The Countess of—Speeches and Addresses of Edward Henry, 15th Earl of Derby.

Donald, Miss J.—Notes on the Genus Murchisonia and its Allies.

Fisk, Francis, Esq.—Adcock's Engineers' Pocket Book; Skyring's Builders' Prices for 1895,

Harwood, James, Esq.—Three Volumes *Derby Comet.*

Iliffe, William, Esq.—Eighteenth Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for Derby, 1894.

Irish Unionist Alliance—Irish Unionist Alliance Publications. Vol III.

Library Reports from Aberdeen, Ashton-under-Lyne, Barking, Barrow-in-Furness, Battersea, Birmingham, Bootle, Bournemouth, Bradford, Brentford, Brighton, Buxton, Camberwell, Cambridge, Cardiff, Carlisle, Chelsea, Cheltenham, Chester, Clerkenwell, Clitheroe, Croydon, Doncaster, Ealing, Edinburgh, Folkestone, Fulham, Glasgow, Glasgow (Mitchell's Library), Glasgow (Baillie's Institute), Gosport, Great Yarmouth, Handsworth, Holborn, Hove, Kidderminster, Leeds, Leicester, Lewisham, Liverpool, Longton, Manchester, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Norwich, Nottingham, Plymouth, Portsmouth, Preston, Richmond (Surrey), Rochdale, Salford, Sheffield, Smethwick, Southampton, St. George's (Hanover Square), St. Giles's, St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Stafford, Streatham, Sunderland, Tynemouth, Walsall, West Bromwich, Westminster, Wigan, Willesden, Wimbledon, Wolverhampton, Worcester, York.

Liverpool Free Library—Catalogue of Books on Architecture in the Reference Department.

Mason, Ernest, Esq.—"Womanhood in the God-Man."

Mears, Mrs. A. Garland—The Story of a Trust and Tales of our Town.

Platt, James, Esq., Jun.—Tales of the Supernatural.

Perry and Co., Messrs. Walter—Perry's Manufacturers' Directory of Great Britain and Ireland.

Roe, W. R. Esq.—Our Deaf and Dumb. Two copies.

Secretary, Bristol University College—University Calendar, 1895-6.

Secretary, Dublin University—University Calendar, 1895; Examination Papers, 1895.

Secretary, Durham University—University Calendar, 1895.

Secretary, Glasgow and West of Scotland Technical College—College Calendar, 1895-6.

Secretary, Iron and Steel Institute—Journal of the Iron and Steel Institute, 1894; Brief Index of Papers contained in the Journal.

Secretary of State for India—Vols. 35, 36, 49 of Sacred Books of the East.

Secretary, Royal Colonial Institute—Catalogue of the Library of the Royal Colonial Institute, 1895; Proceedings of the Royal Colonial Institute, 1894-5.

Secretary, University College of Wales, Aberystwyth—University Calendar, 1894-5.

SMITH, F. N., ESQ.—Matthew Henry's Bible (3 vols.); Bemrose's Manual of Wood Carving.

STOKES, A. H., ESQ.—Report of H.M. Inspector of Mines for Midland District (No. 8), 1895.

TACCHELLA, B., ESQ.—German Etymology.

THOMPSON AND CO., MESSRS. W. P.—Handbook of Patent Law of all Countries.

UNIVERSITY CORRESPONDENCE COLLEGE; Tutorial Series (per Messrs. W. B. Clive and Co.)—Text Book of English Literature, 1660—1798; London Matriculation Directory; Elementary Heat; Roman History; Text Book of Sound; Elementary Hydrostatics; Similar Figures and the Plane; Elementary Light; Chaucer's Canterbury Tales; English History; Tutorial French Syntax; Elementary Mechanics; The University Correspondent; Pamphlets, Leaflets, &c., &c.

UNSWORTH, REV. W.—Influence of Jesus Christ on Young Men.

VOYSEY, REV. C.—The Sling and the Stone (vol. X); Theism: or the Religion of Common Sense.

WEBSTER, MRS.—Webster's Child's Primer of the Theory of Music; Webster's Groundwork of Music.

WHITTINGHAM AND CO., MESSRS. CHAS.—The History of Reynard the Fox.

Donations to the Museum.

ALSOP, A. M., ESQ.—Lead Miner's Stowse.

BATES, H. W., ESQ—Two Medals. In commemoration of the Opening of Derby Free Public Library and Museum.

BIRDS, JAMES ADEY, ESQ. (the late), Executors of—Geological and Mineralogical Collections.

BRITISH MUSEUM, Trustees of—Duplicates of Reptiles, Shells, and Insects.

GASKIN, WILLIAM, ESQ.—Portion of large Crab's Claw.

MORGAN, THOMAS, ESQ.—Fossil; Tip of Lepidendron.

SIMS, J., JUN., ESQ.—Sea Gull.

WARD, JOHN, ESQ.—Model of Pig of Lead, found at Matlock; Model of Footprint of Chirotherium.

WRIGHT, H., ESQ.—One Pound Note; Holthouse, Derbyshire.

ABSTRACT OF ACCOUNTS.

Derby Free

Abstract of the Accounts for the

Dr. REPAIRS AND ALTERATIONS

	£	s.	d.
To Joiner's, Plumber's, and Gas Fitter's Work	11	4	1
,, Locksmith's Work, and Repairing Electric Bells ...	3	16	1
,, Builder's Work	11	0	0
,, Painting Exterior of Library and Museum	37	10	0
,, Painting Librarian's and Porter's Houses...	13	0	0
,, Builder's and Plumber's Work at ditto	57	5	7
,, Heating Apparatus	12	10	0
,, Cabinet Work at Juvenile Library	39	0	2
,, Telephones for ditto	3	17	8
,, Wiring and Fittings for Electric Light (Balance) ...	21	1	8
	£210	5	3

SALARIES AND

To W. Crowther, Chief Librarian and Curator	240	0	0
,, J. A. Miller, Assistant Librarian...	71	10	0
,, W. H. Walton ,, ,, ...	91	0	0
,, E. J. Crowther ,, ,, ...	32	10	0
,, W. Lowndes ,, ,, ...	20	16	0
,, W. L. Coltman ,, ,, ...	18	17	0
,, H. M. Haywood, Committee Clerk	40	0	0
,, Porter's Wages, and Assistant Cleaners	75	1	9
,, Watson, Sowter & Co., Auditors	7	7	0
	£597	1	9

LIBRARY

To New Books (Adults' Department)				217	8	1
,, Binding and Repairing Books				147	2	3
,, Palæontographical and Harleian Society's Reports ...				2	2	0
,, Printing Post Cards and other Notices and Forms ...				23	4	11
,, Printing Fines Books				4	4	0
,, Printing Catalogues of Scientific Books				40	14	9
,, Clerical Assistance with Manuscript of ditto				35	0	0
,, New Books (Juvenile Department) ...	£59	10	5			
,, Registers and Printing Forms ditto ...	10	3	6			
,, Book Stand ditto ...	4	0	0			
,, New Desks, &c. ditto ...	15	10	0			
				89	3	11
				£558	19	11

Library, &c.

Year ending September 29th, 1895.

TO PREMISES ACCOUNT. Cr.

	£	s.	d.
By Sale of Gas Fittings	6	5	0
,, Free Library Rate Account	204	0	3
	£210	5	3

WAGES ACCOUNT.

By Free Library Rate Account	597	1	9
	£597	1	9

ACCOUNT.

By Sale of Catalogues	5	12	6
,, Fines upon Readers for Detention of Books	67	10	7½
,, Fees for New Tickets and Post Cards	10	2	8
,, Lost and Damaged Books	1	9	11
,, Free Library Rate Account	474	4	2½
	£558	19	11

Dr.

READING AND NEWS

	£	s.	d.
To Magazines and Periodicals	32	14	5
,, Newspapers, Illustrated Papers, &c.	60	3	5
,, Directories	4	4	0
,, Binding Patents and Newspapers	15	3	0
	£112	4	10

MUSEUM

To Specimens	12	9	6
,, Cabinet for Herbarium	5	16	0
,, Glass Bottles for Reptiles	11	18	6
,, Taxidermist's Work	19	19	0
,, Carriage of Donation	9	3	11
,, Papering Cases	2	16	4
	£62	3	3

DERBY

To Free Library Rate at One Farthing in the £, one Quarter to 25th December, 1894	410	0	0
,, Ditto, Quarter ending 25th March, 1895	410	0	0
,, Ditto, Quarter ending 24th June, 1895	410	0	0
,, Ditto, Quarter ending 29th September, 1895	410	0	0
	£1640	0	0

ROOMS ACCOUNT.

Cr.

	£	s.	d.
By Sale of Old Newspapers, &c.	4	8	6½
,, Free Library Rate Account	107	16	3½
	£112	4	10

ACCOUNT.

By Free Library Rate Account	62	3	3
	£62	3	3

CORPORATION.

By Treasurer, Free Library Rate, granted Nov. 9th, 1894 ...	410	0	0
,, Ditto, granted February 6th, 1895	410	0	0
,, Ditto, granted May 1st, 1895	410	0	0
,, Ditto, granted August 7th, 1895	410	0	0
	£1640	0	0

Dr. ESTABLISHMENT

	£	s.	d.
To Gas	7	16	8
,, Electric Light and Meter Rent	168	14	3
,, Lamps for ditto	10	9	0
,, Water	1	13	4
,, Coal	35	14	6
,, Fire Insurance	17	12	10
,, Ironmongery	3	7	0
,, Plants, Bulbs, &c. for Garden, and Lawn Mower ...	12	10	9
,, Petty Cash Payments by Librarian	54	19	11
,, Printing Annual Reports	9	15	0
,, Various Printing and Stationery	14	17	0
,, Cleaning Windows	11	10	0
,, Property Tax and House Duty	12	6	4
,, Miscellaneous Expenses	6	3	0
,, Interest and Commission Charged by Bankers	5	3	1
,, Cheque Books	2	5	0
,, Clothing for Porter	3	12	0
,, Winding Clock	3	0	0
,, National Telephone Co. Annual Subscription	5	5	0
	£386	14	8

RATE

To Repairs and Alterations to Premises	204	0	3
,, Salaries and Wages	597	1	9
,, Library	474	4	2½
,, Reading and News Rooms...	107	16	3½
,, Museum	62	3	3
,, Establishment	386	13	8
	£1831	19	5

BALANCE

ASSETS.

To Free Library and Museum Rate Account	104	1	10
	£104	1	10

ACCOUNT. Cr.

	£	s.	d.
By Derby Mechanics' Institute, Acknowledgment for Encroachment	0	1	0
,, Free Library Rate Account	386	13	8
	£386	14	8

ACCOUNT.

By Balance brought forward	87	17	7
,, Quarterly Rates granted by the Derby Corporation ...	1640	0	0
,, Balance	104	1	10
	£1831	19	5

SHEET.

LIABILITIES.

By Treasurer	104	1	10
	£104	1	10

H. M. HAYWOOD, Clerk.

We have examined the several Accounts of the Derby Free Library and Museum, for the year ending September 29th, 1895, and hereby certify that they are correct.—Dated this 22nd day of October, 1895.

WATSON, SOWTER & Co., *Auditors appointed by the Corporation.*

GEORGE FROST,
JAMES HARWOOD, } *Auditors appointed by the Burgesses.*

ALFRED BUTTERWORTH, *Auditor appointed by the Mayor.*

Derby Corporation

Abstract of the Accounts for the

Dr. WAGES

	£	s.	d.
To Wages to Attendant at Turnstile and Charwoman ...	79	16	6
,, Watson, Sowter & Co., Auditors	3	3	0
	£82	19	6

REPAIRS AND

To Builder's Work	14	0	9
,, Painting	6	0	0
	£20	0	9

COLLECTION AND CARRIAGE OF

To Collection and Carriage of Pictures, &c., and obtaining Loans	171	19	11
	£171	19	11

ESTABLISHMENT

To Fire Insurance	7	12	11
,, Gas	1	3	1
,, Electric Light and Meter Rent	38	4	6
,, Coal	4	14	0
,, Ironmongery	3	15	10
,, Advertising	2	0	0
,, Printing, Stationery, and Posting	34	19	6
,, Printing Catalogues	43	2	9
,, Hire of Piano for Concerts	6	6	0
,, Printing Programmes for ditto	3	13	6
,, Petty Cash Payments by Curator	16	17	2
,, Interest, Commission, and Cheque Books charged by Bankers	11	5	5
,, Attendant's Clothing	5	16	6
	£179	11	2

Art Gallery.

Year ending September 29th, 1895.

ACCOUNT.

Cr.

	£	s.	d.
By Art Gallery Account	82	19	6
	£82	19	6

ALTERATIONS ACCOUNT.

By Art Gallery Account	20	0	9
	£20	0	9

PICTURES AND LOANS ACCOUNT.

By Art Gallery Account	171	19	11
	£171	19	11

ACCOUNT.

By Advertisements in Catalogues	£25	11	0				
,, Sale of Catalogues	22	14	3				
				48	5	3	
,, Art Gallery Acount				131	5	11	
				£179	11	2	

Dr. DERBY CORPORATION

	£	s.	d.
To Balance brought forward	378	6	9
	£378	6	9

ART GALLERY

To Wages...	82	19	6
,, Repairs and Alterations	20	0	9
,, Collection and Carriage of Pictures	171	19	11
,, Establishment	131	5	11
	£406	6	1

BALANCE

ASSETS.

To Art Gallery Revenue Account	327	17	5
	£327	17	5

ACCOUNT. Cr.

	£	s.	d.
By Derby Corporation, Amount owing to Banker at 29th September, 1894	378	6	9
	£378	6	9

REVENUE ACCOUNT.

By Autumn Exhibition, 1894-5.						
Receipts at Turnstile	£21	0	3			
Commission on Pictures sold	14	10	9			
				35	11	0
,, Spring Exhibition, 1895.						
Receipts at Turnstile	£21	17	2			
Commission on Pictures sold	7	12	6			
				29	9	8
,, Summer Exhibition, 1895.						
Receipts at Turnstile				13	8	0
,, Balance (deficiency)				327	17	5
				£406	6	1

SHEET.

LIABILITIES.

By Treasurer	327	17	5
	£327	17	5

H. M. HAYWOOD, Clerk.

We have examined the several Accounts of the Derby Art Gallery for the year ending 29th September, 1895, and hereby certify that they are correct.

Dated this 22nd day of October, 1895.

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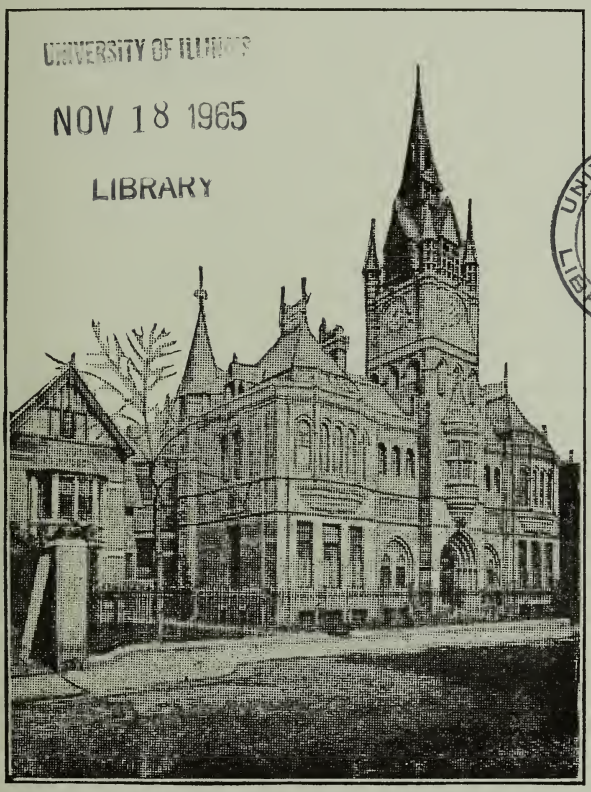

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MR. WILLIAM CROWTHER.

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TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Free Library and Museum Committee,

FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 1896.

THE Free Library and Museum Committee have very much pleasure in presenting to the Council their Twenty-fifth Annual Report.

The Institution was never in a more flourishing condition than at present, nor more appreciated by the ratepayers. The issues of books are considerably in advance of last year's, and although fewer new books have been added, the Library is well up to date in all important particulars. The total number of books now in the Library is 28,858. This is 315 less than last year, but over 1,200 books have been withdrawn as worn out and obsolete, a great number of which are not worth replacing. Those interested in the minuter details of the work done are referred to the tables which accompany this Report, and to the Librarian's comments upon them.

The Children's Library, which had just been started at the time of the last Report, has had a very successful year, and there are over 700 borrowers between the ages of 8 and 14 who are being supplied with suitable literature. These young folks took out upwards of 21,000 books during the year, and the success which has attended this department has fully justified its establishment.

The Committee are now able to report also on a year's work at the Arboretum Branch Reading Room. The number of visitors has been carefully recorded during six months of the year, and the attendance in those six months has reached 54,135. Averaging this for the year, the readers would number 107,257, or considerably more than the population of the Borough. So far, the experiment is an entire success, and the

provision of such a room has been highly appreciated. The cost of its maintenance will probably be about £75 a year, and this expense, and any similar ones which may be incurred, must necessarily be at the cost of the Central Library. As pointed out last year, the provision of Branch Libraries and Reading Rooms is simply one of finance, and the Committee feel that with their present income, they have gone as far as they can go without seriously impairing the usefulness of the parent establishment.

A Catalogue for the Children's Library was published early in the year, and has sold well. The Catalogue of the Scientific books in the Reference Library, the publication of which has been unavoidably delayed, is nearly ready, and will be published between now and Christmas.

The building is in a good state of repair, and the amount necessary to be spent on repairs and alterations is less than for many years past. The close of last year left the Committee with a balance of £104 against them; this has now been reduced to about £2, although there is a liability of £30 for books ordered and not received. Seeing that the equipment and first year's maintenance of the Branch Reading Room has absorbed £158, the Committee feel that the result is a satisfactory one, although the amount spent on new books has had to be considerably reduced. With no immediate special expenses that they know of, the Committee hope that this may be remedied next year.

The Committee, in closing this Report, beg to thank the numerous public bodies and individuals who have given books, newspapers, magazines, and other articles during the past year, and they once more gladly bear witness to the zeal and efficiency with which the Librarian and his staff discharge their duties.

On behalf of the Committee,

GEORGE BOTTOMLEY,

Chairman.

October 26th, 1896.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

To the Chairman and Members of the Derby Free Library and Museum Committee.

GENTLEMEN,

I HAVE very great pleasure in laying before you my Eleventh Annual Report. The year, although presenting no special features, has been a busy one, and I believe that at no time in its history, has the Institution been more popular or more useful to the ratepayers. I have prepared for your information the usual tables, and on those a few remarks will perhaps be acceptable, not only to yourselves, but to the Council, and to the large section of the general public who take an interest in the Library, and its work.

Tables 1 and 2 deal with the Lending Department, the first with the stock, and the second with the issues. Reductions in the stock have been brought about in three ways, five volumes have been lost and paid for, ten have been destroyed because they have been in infected houses, and those who are at all nervous about the Library being a possible source of infection may be re-assured that every possible precaution is taken to prevent it. Three volumes have been totally lost through default of both borrower and guarantor, not a large number considering the vast number of books issued. The stock has been further reduced by a very large number of books withdrawn as worn out. A large number of these were the old three volume novels, to which I believe we have now finally bid farewell, and do so without regret. Those worth replacing are certain to be issued in one volume form, and our shelves are rid of an encumbrance. Against the 1,268 books withdrawn, we have only replaced at present 305. A large number will not be replaced, but about 120 are on order, and the Book Committee have another long list to go through. The new books added during the year have been 518 against 1,037 last year, but in the latter number were included 474 for the Children's Library. The amount spent on new books during the year is £173 against £276 last year, but £59 of the latter amount was incurred for the Children's Library. The total stock stands at 445 less than at the commencement of the year. Turning now to the issues, it will be noticed that there is a gross increase of

about 7,000, and an increase in the daily issue of 29, which now reaches 637, as against 438 in November, 1885, when I first entered your service. The first year of the Children's Library has been an unqualified success. The daily average for the whole year is 81, but for the month of March it was 112, and on one Monday evening, no fewer than 202 books were issued. The lowest month for issues is August, and the lowest day of the week, Wednesday. I am very glad to be able to report once again that there is little fault to be found with the way that the books are used.

Tables 3 and 4 deal with the Reference Department. Here we have increased our stock by 130 volumes, about the normal rate, for in the 286 reported last year, there were 122 volumes of Patents, none of which appear in this year's list. The daily issue is less by 9 than last year, but the fact that there were 1,000 less Patents consulted, and that there was only one course of University Extension Lectures will more than account for the slight falling off. It must be also borne in mind that now the great majority of those who use the Reference Library are students, and are not, as was formerly the case, largely mixed with those who simply come to look at picture-books.

Table 5 gives miscellaneous information. From it we learn that the new borrowers during the year reached 1,350, of whom 468 were children. The sexes are pretty equally divided, and Table 6 shows in a classified form the occupations of the last thousand. The same thousand borrowers reside in the wards shown in the following Table, the reading population varying little from former years in its distribution.

WARD.	Per Thousand.	
	Actual Number of Borrowers.	Number to be expected according to Population.
Arboretum..	123	168
Babington	163	122
Becket	246	198
Castle..	59	115
Derwent	59	64
Friar Gate..	122	113
King's Mead	120	145
Litchurch	108	75

649 over-due books had to be written for, and a proof of the popularity of the bespoken system is to be found in the fact that 1,175 books were bespoken. 2,760 books passed through the binders' hands for greater or

less reason, of which at least 2,300 were done on our own premises. Table 7 simply gives general results summarised in such a form that the year's work can be easily compared with that of its predecessor.

The attendance in the Newsrooms shows no falling off, and although on the first opening of the Arboretum Branch some little difference was noticed, they are now fuller than ever. The average attendance at the Arboretum Branch has been 345 daily, that at the central Reading Rooms, at least four times the number. The behaviour of those who visit all the Reading Rooms leaves little to be complained of, and the petty pilfering I have often had to deplore has been all but absent during the year.

Work in the Museum has progressed slowly and steadily. The sub-committee having charge of the re-arrangement has met weekly during the year, and their time has been principally devoted to the Invertebrates. They have carefully gone over all the specimens that existed in the Museum, have got rid of the imperfect and worthless, and have prepared a list of typical specimens to be obtained in the various classes. Some of these have already been obtained, others are on order, and in the course of a few months they will be available for the public. An important purchase of British Land and Freshwater Shells was made from the collection of the late Mr. Hagger, of Repton, and with the specimens already in stock, a tolerably complete case has been prepared, and these have been arranged and labelled, spaces being left for the species we do not possess. The Rev. Canon Carr, of Holbrook, has enriched the Museum by the presentation of a cabinet of Lichens and Mosses.

The Annual Conference of the Library Association was held this year at Buxton, and in addition to attending it as the representative of this Institution, I was asked to perform the duties of Local Secretary. The meetings were exceedingly useful to those employed in Library work. I had the honour of being elected a member of the Council for the sixth year in succession, and have since been elected President of the North Midland Branch, which embraces the counties of Derby, Nottingham, Leicester, Lincoln, and parts of Yorkshire and Northants.

An important change in our staff has taken place this year through the resignation of Miss Miller, who for very many years occupied an important post in the Library, discharging its duties in a manner highly creditable to herself and acceptable to the public. Her departure necessitated a general re-arrangement of duties, but the other members of the staff have done their best to meet the circumstances, and I have no reason to believe that the interests of the Library or of the public will suffer. Of the zeal of the whole of the staff in your service I have spoken before in

terms of high praise, and there has been nothing during the past year to alter my good opinion of them.

My own labours have been made lighter and pleasanter by your ready acquiescence in whatever suggestions I have made for the better carrying on of the work of the Institution, and I cannot do less than express to you my sincere obligations, while the Library and the Institution as a whole, as well as the officers, owe much to the local press for their ready co-operation and help.

I remain, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

WILLIAM CROWTHER,

Librarian and Curator.

October 26th, 1896.

FOURTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Corporation Art Gallery Committee.

THE Art Gallery Committee have much pleasure in presenting their Fourteenth Annual Report to the Town Council. As usual, a comparative table of the visitors for the last three years is given below.

	1893-94	1894-95	1895-96
Visitors to Autumn Exhibition ..	20300	17747	17707
,, Spring ,, ...	20840	18070	17300
,, Summer ,, ...	13156	11980	12150
Total Visitors	54296	47797	47157
Total Days Open by Payment	164	160	164
,, ,, Free	86	89	87
Total Days Open ..	250	249	251
Average on Paying Days	83	68	62
,, Free Days	473	415	425

There is nothing special to remark with respect to these figures, except that the number of visitors on the free days slowly increases, while that on the paying days as slowly diminishes. The total number of visitors to the Gallery since its opening is now 533,649.

The deficit to be paid by the Council is about £10 more than last year. The pictures sold at the Exhibitions totalled the catalogue value of £373 11s. 0d., being £132 less than last year, but the result is perhaps as good as can be expected, and is considerably better than that of many larger towns. The Art Union realised £87 9s. 0d., £12 more than in 1895.

Every effort has been made to keep up the standard of the pictures exhibited, and the Committee believe that end has been attained. The Autumn and Spring Exhibitions reached a high level of merit, and the Hanging Committee had a much larger number of pictures submitted than they could place, a gratifying proof of the rising estimation in which the gallery is held by artists generally. The Summer Exhibition consisted of Photographs, and the pictures exhibited were both interesting and of

good workmanship. The usual medals were offered, and some of the best artists in the country sent works for competition. In connection with this exhibition, the best thanks of the Committee are due to Mr. A. B. Hamilton, and to Mr. Councillor Winter for the medals they kindly gave to local photographers. Some excellent work was exhibited, but the Committee would have been glad to have had more exhibitors.

The Autumn Exhibition now open, is equal to any of its predecessors, and seems likely to be popular with the public, for above three thousand visitors passed the turnstiles during the first fortnight.

The four cases of Art objects lent by the Science and Art Department were renewed in May last, and the Committee desire to acknowledge the courtesy of the officials at South Kensington, and their anxiety to lend objects which are of practical use to the Art industries of the town and neighbourhood. Other objects of interest have been lent by various persons during the year, to whom the thanks of the Committee are cordially due.

The fine collection of old Derby China belonging to the Gallery has been a greater attraction than ever during the past year, and more collectors brought specimens for comparison and identification than at any previous period. The debt of gratitude due to the generous donors of this collection is increasing, and the Committee are glad to know that their generosity is being so thoroughly appreciated.

The Saturday Concerts organised by the Curator reached their eleventh season during last winter. They have done much to popularise the gallery, and the Committee desire again to place on record their thanks to the host of friends, both amateur and professional, who have gratuitously given their services.

The warmest thanks of the Committee and the Council are due to Mr. Councillor Edgar Horne, who has this day presented to the Gallery a valuable Kirkman Concert Grand Pianoforte.

The building is in good repair, and some alterations in the heating apparatus, effected at slight cost, have made the entrance hall and Galleries much more comfortable during cold weather.

The Committee have once more pleasure in testifying to the well directed efforts of the Curator for the benefit of the Gallery, and to the energy and tact with which he discharges his duties.

On behalf of the Committee,

WILLIAM BEMROSE,

Chairman.

October 26th, 1896.

Statistical Tables.

TABLE 1.

LENDING DEPARTMENT.

LIBRARY STOCK.

CLASS.	1 Number of Volumes in Library, September, 1895.	2 Volumes lost and paid for.	3 Vols. from Infected Houses Destroyed.	4 Volumes Totally Lost.	5 Volumes Withdrawn as worn out.	6 Total.	Stock reduced as per Column 6.	Number of Books Replaced.	Number of New Books.	Present Library Stock, 1896.	Total Increase.	Total Decrease.	Percentage of Books in each Class.
Arts and Sciences	1834	1	1	...	2	4	1830	...	39	1869	35	..	10·20
Law and Politics	265	...	...	...	...	. .	265	1	7	273	8	...	1·50
Natural History	431	...	...	...	.	...	431	...	18	449	18	...	2·45
Poetry and Drama	638	...	...	...	1	1	637	...	4	641	3	...	3·50
Theology and Philosophy ...	983	..	...	...	...	...	983	...	38	1021	38	...	5·58
Light Literature	5644	4	7	3	1140	1154	4490	299	213	5002	..	642	27·32
Children's Department	1384	...	1	...	67	68	1316	2	29	1347	...	37	7·36
History, Travels, and Biography	5923	...	...	...	1	1	5922	3	119	6044	121	...	33·01
Miscellaneous	1652		1	...	39	40	1612	...	51	1663	11	...	9·08
Totals	18754	5	10	3	1250	1268	17486	305	518	18309	234	679	100·00

TABLE II.

LENDING DEPARTMENT.

Showing the Monthly Issue in each Class, the Number of Days the Library was open, the Total Volumes Issued, and the Daily Average.

MONTH.	Number of Days Open.	Science and Art.	Politics and Commerce.	Natural History.	Theology and Philo-ophy.	Poetry and Drama.	Fiction.	History, Biography, and Travel.	Miscellaneous.	Children's Library,	Total.	Daily Average of Volumes.
1895												
October	24½	383	27	66	70	69	11460	620	503	1506	14704	600
November ...	24	398	24	56	119	73	12446	715	630	1819	16280	678
December ...	18½	315	17	37	73	69	10019	512	509	2101	13652	738
1896												
January ...	24½	481	25	74	102	115	12017	663	673	2443	16593	677
February ...	23	447	30	60	78	103	11833	641	664	2362	16218	705
March	20½	386	11	83	82	92	11287	613	602	2523	15679	765
April	21½	319	13	89	87	73	11012	479	568	2072	14712	684
May	22½	287	6	83	72	71	10691	482	538	1889	14119	627
June	8½	78	4	25	23	23	2898	144	129	509	3833	451
July	24½	224	3	55	79	82	9722	478	457	1402	12502	510
August	23	281	12	53	72	65	10025	440	497	1278	12723	553
September ...	23½	389	9	52	87	95	10620	531	514	1364	13661	581
Totals ..	258½	3988	181	733	944	930	124030	6318	6284	21268	164676	637

TABLE III.

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

LIBRARY STOCK.

CLASS.	No. of Vols. in Library, September, 1895.	Additions during the year.	Present Library Stock 1896.
Arts and Sciences	2091	44	2135
Law and Politics	255	13	268
Natural History...	563	22	585
Poetry and Drama	161	1	162
Theology and Philosophy	281	1	282
Light Literature	63	. .	63
History, Travels, Biography, &c.	1711	24	1735
Miscellaneous	1335	19	1354
Devonshire Library	1258	6	1264
Patent Library	2701	...	2701*
Total	10419	130	10549

Pamphlets not included in the above. *Patents are now received singly, and only *completed* volumes are here included.

TABLE IV.

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

Showing the Monthly Issue in each Class, the number of Days the Library was open, the Total Volumes issued, and the Daily Average.

MONTH.	Number of Days Open.	Science and Art.	Politics and Commerce.	Natural History.	Theology and Philosophy.	Poetry and Drama.	Fiction.	History, Biography, and Travel.	Miscellaneous.	Patent Library.	Books for Blind.	Devonshire Library.	Total.	Daily Average of Volumes.
1895														
October ...	26	284	8	46	14	29	66	337	76	46	...	...	906	35
November ...	26	259	8	72	28	37	67	306	149	20	...	...	946	36
December ...	19½	168	10	32	28	25	57	149	83	58	..	...	610	31
1896														
January .	27	277	3	67	20	35	46	231	112	518	...	3	1312	49
February ...	25	296	43	79	10	40	68	268	26	1061	14	...	2005	80
March .	22	303	10	66	15	33	47	309	100	84	...	.	967	44
April	24	240	12	46	29	23	78	130	74	184	...	...	816	34
May	24	184	6	72	58	18	20	137	45	231	...	5	776	32
June	14	136	...	23	42	16	23	73	40	86	...	...	439	31
July	27	257	45	64	47	37	35	220	54	117	...	103	979	36
August ...	25	221	14	49	62	32	36	212	65	46	...	16	753	30
September ...	26	358	29	58	57	83	51	275	159	143	...	92	1305	50
Totals . .	285½	2983	188	674	410	408	594	2647	1083	2594	14	219	11814	41

TABLE V.

MISCELLANEOUS.

MONTH.	Number of New Borrowers.			Number of Cards Cancelled	Number of Overdue Books written for.	Number of Books Rebound	Number of Books Repaired and Numbered.
	Males.	Females.	Children's Departm't				
1895							
October	65	48	67	14	61	...	81
November	55	56	140	10	63	...	98
December	27	23	31	2	39	48	253
1896							
January	47	36	66	12	112	...	298
February	49	48	41	12	24	97	136
March	42	43	35	7	38	114	131
April	29	25	26	8	85	195	201
May	27	22	16	5	61	...	402
June	13	10	3	35	...	74	262
July...	33	26	17	11	28	...	52
August	41	37	12	17	68	18	129
September	41	39	14	18	70	22	149
Totals	469	413	468	151	649	568	2192

Approximate Total Number of Borrowers' Tickets now in force ... 7.500.

TABLE VI.

Occupations of the Last Thousand of the New Borrowers.

Actor	1
Agents and Collectors ...	14
Apprentices and Shop Assistants	74
Architects, Surveyors, and Draughtsmen	9
Army Pensioner	1
Artist	1
Bakers and Confectioners ...	8
Boiler Makers	4
Bookbinders, Printers, Lithographers, and Compositors	17
Boot and Shoe Makers ...	3
Box Makers	2
Brewers	2
Builders, Bricklayers, aud Plasterers	3
Butchers ...	3
Carpenters, Joiners, and Cabinet makers	13
Carriage and Wagon Builders	9
Carters	3
Chemists and Druggists ...	5
China Workers	5
Clergymen and Ministers ...	6
Clerks and Book-keepers ...	70
Commercial Travellers ...	5
Cooper	1
Corset Maker...	1
Decorator	1
Domestic Servants	12
Drapers	4
Electricians	6
Engineers, Moulders, Smiths, Fitters, and Engine Drivers	52
Elastic Bandage Maker ...	1
Errand and Office Boys ...	31
Evangelist	1
Factory Hands	39
Farmers	2
Fishing Line Maker	1
Gardeners and Greengrocers	2
Grocers	6
Grooms	2
Hairdressers	4
Harness Makers	2
Housekeepers	7
Inland Revenue Officer ...	1
Journalists	3
Labourers	11
Laundresses	3
Locksmiths	2
Maltster	1
Managers of Works	2
Merchants	1
Medical Practitioners ..	2
Messenger	1
Milliners and Dressmakers ...	36
Millwrights	2
Model Maker	1
Musical Instrument Dealer ...	1
Musician	1
Nurses	6
Painters and Paper-hangers	9
Pattern Maker	1
Photographer	1
Piano Tuner	1
Picture Framer	1
Plumbers and Glaziers ...	4
Police Constables	2
Porters and Caretakers ...	9
Postman	1
Railway Employés	9
Reporters	2
Rope Spinner...	1
Sailor	1
Scholars and Students	128
Skinners and Leather Dressers	2
Stationer	1
Stone Masons	2
Tailoresses	5
Tailors, Hatters, and Hosiers	8
Teachers and Pupil Teachers	51
Telegraphists	4
Tobacconists	2
Turners and Brass Finishers	7
Waitress	1
Warehousemen	3
Watchmakers and Jewellers	1
Weavers	4
Wheelwright	1
No Occupation	231
Total ...	1,000

TABLE VII.

GENERAL SUMMARY.

COMPARATIVE RETURNS.

	1895	1896
Lending Library Replacements	221	305
New Books	1037	518
Total Books	18754	18309
,, Issues	157879	164676
Average Daily Issue	608	637
Turnover of each Volume	8·42	8·99
Reference Library:—		
New Books	286	130
Total Books	10419	10549
,, Issues	14383	11814
Average Daily Issue	50	41
New Borrowers	1320	1350
Total Borrowers (approximate)	7500	7500
Number of Works issued per Borrower	23·1	23·5
Cards Cancelled	99	151
Overdue Books written for	574	649
Books Re-bound and Repaired	6064	2760

GENERAL DATA.

Population (estimated to June, 1896)	101,770
Rateable Value (September, 1896)	£421,134
Amount of Rate Levied	One Penny.
Amount produced by Rate	£1,700
Library Stock	28·3 PER CENT. OF POPULATION.

DONATIONS TO THE LIBRARY.

Agent-General for Natal—The Colony of Natal: An Official Handbook and Railway Guide.

Agent-General for New South Wales—The Wealth and Progress of New South Wales.

Agent-General for New Zealand—Christmas Numbers of the "Canterbury Times" and "New Zealand Weekly Press."

Art Gallery and Museum—Reports from Cardiff, Leeds, Nottingham, Horniman Museum.

Aubrey, Dr.—Stock Exchange Investments.

Belfast (Linen Hall Library)—Catalogue of Books.

Blackman Ventilating Co.—Ventilating and Drying in Laundries under the New Act (two copies).

Browne, Messrs. T. B., Ltd.—Advertisers' A. B. C. and Press Directory for 1896.

Cadbury, Richard, Esq.—Cocoa: All about it.

Carroll, Lewis, Esq.—Symbolic Logic.

Champness, Messrs. & Co.—The Insurance Blue Book and Guide for 1895-6.

Currie, Messrs. Donald & Co.—Tantallon Castle: The Story of the Ship and the Castle.

Cust, Robert N., Esq.—Clouds on the Horizon; Linguistic and Oriental Essays.

Day, Charles A., Esq.—Complete Handbook of British, Colonial, and Foreign Patents, Trade Marks, and Designs.

Dundee Free Library.—Catalogue of the Lochee Branch Library.

Elliot Stock, Messrs.—Sin and Redemption.

Executors of the late Lady Burton.—Life of Sir Richard F. Burton.

Fisk, Francis, Esq.—Adcock's Engineers' Pocket Book; Skyring's Builders' Price Book for 1896.

French, A. D. Weld, Esq.—County Records.

Gibson, Miss Louisa.—1st, 2nd, and 3rd Books on the Theory of Music.

Guinness, Rev. H. Grattan, D.D.—Creation Centred in Christ.

Hill, Messrs. Walter & Co.—The Holidays, 1896; Where to Stay and What to See.

Holman, T. Esq., R.N.—Life in the Royal Navy; Salt Yarns.

Hutton, Arthur W., Esq.—The Vaccination Question.

Iliffe, William, Esq.—19th Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for Derby, 1895.

Irish Unionist Alliance.—Notes from Ireland, 1894; Irish Unionist Alliance Publications, Vol. IV.

Jessop, Charles Moore, Esq.—Past and Future.

Library Reports from Aberdeen, Ashton-under-Lyne, Aston, Battersea, Belfast, Birmingham, Birkenhead, Bishopsgate Institute, Blackburn, Blackpool, Bolton, Bootle, Bournemouth, Brentford, Brighton, Bristol, Buxton, Camberwell (Minet Library), Cambridge, Cardiff, Carlisle, Chelsea, Cheltenham, Chester, Clapham, Clerkenwell, Cork, Croydon, Darley Dale (Whitworth Institute), Doncaster, Ealing, Folkestone, Fulham, Glasgow, Glasgow (Baillie's Institution), Gosport, Great Yarmouth, Halifax, Hammersmith, Handsworth, Hove, Hyde, Kidderminster, Kilburn, Kingston-upon-Hull, Leeds, Leek, Leicester, Lewisham, Leyton, Lincoln, Liverpool, Longton, Manchester, Norwich, Nottingham, Plymouth, Portsmouth, Preston, Reading, Richmond (Surrey), Rochdale, Salford, Sheffield, Smethwick, Southampton, St. George's (Hanover Square), St Giles's, St. Helen's, St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, St. Martin-in-the-Fields, St. Marylebone, St. Saviour's, Southwark, Stafford, Streatham, Tynemouth, Walsall, West Bromwich, West Ham, West Hartlepool, Westminster, Whitechapel, Wigan, Willesden, Wolverhampton, York.

Lyster, Thomas W., Esq., M.A.—Select Poetry for Young Students.

Mather & Crowther, Messrs.—Practical Advertising.

Meux, Lady—The Life and Exploits of Alexander the Great.

Paton, J., Esq.—British History and Papal Claims.

Preston, Sidney H, Esq.—Unclaimed Money.

Robinson, Mr.—Three Copies of Robinson's News Letter (Derby, May 31, June 7—14, 1872).

Secretary Board of Trade—Report by the Chief Labour Correspondent on the Strikes and Lock-outs of 1894.

Secretary Brewers' Exhibition—Official Catalogue of the 1895 Brewers and Allied Traders Annual Exhibition.

Secretary Co-operative Union, Ltd.—Report of the 28th Annual Co-operative Congress, 1896.

Secretary Dublin University—University Calendar, 1895; Examina-Papers, 1895.

Secretary Glasgow and West of Scotland Technical College—Calendar, 1896-7.

Secretary Institute of Civil Engineers - Charter Bye-Laws and List of Members of the Institute of Civil Engineers, 1895 and 1896.

Secretary, Iron and Steel Institute—Journal of the Iron and Steel Institute; Rules and List of Members for 1895-6.

Secretary, National Association for the Promotion of Technical and Secondary Education—8th Annual Report.

Secretary, Ontario Government Agency—City of Hamilton; The Birmingham of Canada.

Secretary, Queen's College, Belfast—Calendar 1896-7.

Secretary, Royal Colonial Institute—Proceedings of the Royal Colonial Institute—Vol. XXVII., 1895-6.

Secretary of State for India—India Office—Library Catalogue.

Stubbs's Publishing Co.—Mercantile Directory for 1895-6.

University Correspondence College—Tutorial Series (per Messrs. W. B. Clive and Co.)—History of Rome; History of Greece; First Stage Mechanics; University Correspondent, Volume V.; Matriculation Directory, 1896; Preceptors French Reader; Tutorial French Accidence; Preceptors Mechanics; A Manual of Logic, Intermediate Alegebra; English Literature to 1580; A History of Greece; Pamphlets, Leaflets, &c., &c.

Voysey, Rev. Chas. B.A.—The Testimony of the Four Gospels concerning Jesus Christ; Theism as a Science.

Wilson, W. & Sons—Directory of Lancashire, Cheshire, and Derbyshire.

Wise, W. Lloyd, Esq.—Gleanings from Patent Laws of all Countries.

DONATIONS TO THE MUSEUM.

Binns, G., Esq.—Specimens of Kauri Gum from New Zealand.

Carr, Rev. Canon, Holbrook—Cabinet of Lichens and Mosses.

Carrington, A., Esq.—Roman Quern.

Divett, Mrs.—Specimens of Lignite.

Harmsworth, Alfred, Esq.—Geological Specimens from Franz-Joseph Land.

Ward, John, Esq.—Casts of Stone Axe-heads.

Abstract of Accounts.

Derby Free

ABSTRACT OF THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE

Dr. REPAIRS AND ALTERATIONS

	£	s.	d.
To Joiner's, Plumber's, and Gas Fitter's Work	16	9	8
,, Locksmith's Work, and Repairing Electric Bells ...	2	8	1
,, Cabinet Work at Juvenile Library...	8	19	6
	£27	17	3

SALARIES AND

To W. Crowther, Chief Librarian and Curator	240	0	0
,, W. H. Walton, Assistant Librarian	91	0	0
,, E. J. Crowther ,, ,, ...	38	0	0
,, W. L. Coltman ,, ,, ...	24	1	0
,, L. Goodwin ,, ,.	6	14	6
,, G. W. Pullen ,, ,, ...	3	18	0
,, H. White ,, ,, ...	2	10	0
,, J. A. Miller, Ex-Assistant Librarian	54	2	6
,, W. Lowndes ,, ,, ...	7	6	0
,, C. Lane ,, ,, ...	8	9	4
,, H. M. Haywood, Committee Clerk	40	0	0
,, Porter's Wages and Assistant Cleaners . .	76	9	0
,, Watson, Sowter & Co , Auditors	7	7	0
	£599	17	4

LIBRARY

To New Books (Adults' Department)	173	7	8
,, Binding and Repairing Books	128	0	2
,, Palæontographical and Harleian Society's Reports ...	2	2	0
,, Printing Post Cards and other Notices and Forms ...	18	2	6
,, Printing Fines Books	4	17	6
,, Printing Catalogues of Juvenile Library	7	14	6
,, Clerical Assistance with Scientific Catalogue	8	0	0
,, Binding Magazines	15	2	10
,, Binding Materials	2	2	0
,, Tickets and Slides for Indicator	7	13	0
	£367	2	2

Library, &c.

YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 29, 1896.

TO PREMISES ACCOUNT.

Cr.

	£	s.	d.
By Free Library Rate Account	27	17	3
	£27	17	3

WAGES ACCOUNT.

By Free Library Rate Account	599	17	4
	£599	17	4

ACCOUNT.

By Sale of Catalogues	9	15	8
,, Fines upon Readers for Detention of Books	67	4	8
,, Fees for New Tickets and Post Cards	12	16	3
,, Lost and Damaged Books	1	9	0
,, Free Library Rate Account	275	16	7
	£367	2	2

Dr. READING AND NEWS

	£	s.	d.
To Magazines and Periodicals	32	15	5
,, Newspapers, Illustrated Papers, &c.	58	9	3
,, Directories	9	2	10
,, Covers for Magazines	6	13	8
,, Cork Carpet	27	6	6
	£134	7	8

MUSEUM

	£	s.	d.
To Specimens	15	7	3
,, Bird Stands	2	14	2
,, Fittings for Cases	8	15	11
	£26	17	4

ARBORETUM

				£	s.	d.
To Caretaker's Salary				10	0	0
,, Rent of Premises				10	0	0
,, Gas (three quarters)...				6	2	8
,, Coal				6	15	6
,, Newspapers, Magazines, &c.				24	7	5
,, Covers for Magazines	£5	8	2			
,, Newspaper Stands and Fittings	24	19	10			
,, Builder's, Painter's, and Plumber's Work	51	3	1			
,, Repairing Lamps	7	5	1			
,, Notice Board and Lettering	3	2	0			
				91	18	2
,, National Telephone Co., Annual Subscription				5	0	0
,, Miscellaneous Payments				4	1	0
				£158	4	9

DERBY

	£	s.	d.
To Free Library Rate at One Farthing in the £, one Quarter to 25th December, 1895	425	0	0
,, Ditto, Quarter ending 25th March, 1896	425	0	0
,, Ditto, Quarter ending 24th June, 1896	425	0	0
,, Ditto, Quarter ending 29th September, 1896	425	0	0
	£1700	0	0

ROOMS ACCOUNT.

Cr.

	£	s.	d.
By Sale of Old Newspapers, &c.	4	14	0
,, Free Library Rate Account...	129	13	8
	£134	7	8

ACCOUNT.

By Free Library Rate Account	26	17	4
	£26	17	4

BRANCH ACCOUNT.

By Free Library Rate Account	158	4	9
	£158	4	9

CORPORATION.

By Treasurer, Free Library Rate granted Nov. 9th, 1895 ...	425	0	0
,, Ditto, granted February 5th, 1896	425	0	0
,, Ditto, granted May 6th, 1896	425	0	0
,, Ditto, granted August 5th, 1896	425	0	0
	£1700	0	0

Dr. **ESTABLISHMENT**

	£	s.	d.
To Gas	7	16	11
,, Electric Light and Meter Rent	171	6	0
,, Lamps for ditto	10	16	1
,, Water	1	13	4
,, Coal	32	8	8
,, Fire Insurance	17	12	10
,, Ironmongery	2	11	2
,, Plants, Bulbs, &c., for Garden	8	14	4
,, Petty Cash Payments by Librarian	40	3	11
,, Printing Annual Reports	10	0	0
,, Various Printing and Stationery	13	10	2
,, Cleaning Windows	12	0	0
,, Property Tax and House Duty	12	6	4
,, Charges in Appeal *re* Property Tax	10	0	0
,, Miscellaneous Expenses	4	10	11
,, Interest and Commission Charged by Bankers	11	15	2
,, Clothing for Porter	3	18	6
,, Winding Clock	3	0	0
,, National Telephone Co. Annual Subscription	5	5	0
	£379	9	4

RATE

To Balance brought forward	104	1	10
,, Repairs and Alterations to Premises	27	17	3
,, Salaries and Wages	599	17	4
,, Library	275	16	7
,, Reading and News Rooms	129	13	8
,, Museum	26	17	4
,, Arboretum Branch (including Fittings)	158	4	9
,, Establishment	379	8	4
	£1701	17	1

BALANCE

ASSETS.

To Free Library and Museum Rate Account	1	17	1*
	£1	17	1

*NOTE.—Books on Order £30.

ACCOUNT. Cr.

	£	s.	d.
By Derby Mechanics' Institute, Acknowledgment for Encroachment	0	1	0
,, Free Library Rate Account	379	8	4
	£379	9	4

ACCOUNT.

By Quarterly Rates granted by the Derby Corporation .	1700	0	0
,, Balance	1	17	1
	£1701	17	1

SHEET.

LIABILITIES.

By Treasurer	1	17	1
	£1	17	1

H. M. HAYWOOD, CLERK.

We have examined the several Accounts of the Derby Free Library and Museum, for the year ending September 29th, 1896, and hereby certify that they are correct.—Dated this 24th day of October, 1896.

WATSON, SOWTER & Co., A.C.A., *Auditors appointed by the Corporation.*

GEORGE FROST,
JAMES HARWOOD, } *Auditors appointed by the Burgesses.*

GEORGE SUTHERLAND, *Auditor appointed by the Mayor.*

Derby Corporation

ABSTRACT OF THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE

Dr.

WAGES

	£	s.	d.
To Wages to Attendant at Turnstile and Charwoman	81	1	6
,, Watson, Sowter & Co., Auditors	3	3	0
	£84	4	6

REPAIRS AND

To Repairs to Heating Apparatus and New Radiator ...	21	4	6
,, Joiner's Work	1	6	6
	£22	11	0

COLLECTION AND CARRIAGE OF

To Collection and Carriage of Pictures, &c., and obtaining Loans	152	6	4
	£152	6	4

ESTABLISHMENT

To Fire Insurance	4	12	5
,, Gas	1	5	8
,, Electric Light and Meter Rent	40	13	6
,, Coal	4	10	5
,, Ironmongery	4	13	5
,, Advertising	1	5	0
,, Printing, Stationery, and Posting	38	11	7
,, Printing Catalogues	38	19	3
,, Hire of Piano for Concerts	5	5	0
,, Printing Programmes for ditto	2	18	6
,, Petty Cash Payments by Curator	19	15	5
,, Interest, Commission, and Cheque Books charged by Bankers	9	0	4
,, Attendant's Clothing	5	16	6
	£177	7	0

Art Gallery.

YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 29, 1896.

ACCOUNT.

Cr.

	£	s.	d.
By Art Gallery Account	84	4	6
	£84	4	6

ALTERATIONS ACCOUNT.

	£	s.	d.
By Art Gallery Account	22	11	0
	£22	11	0

PICTURES AND LOANS ACCOUNT.

	£	s.	d.
By Art Gallery Account	152	6	4
	£152	6	4

ACCOUNT.

		£	s.	d.
By Advertisements in Catalogues	£22 13 0			
,, Sale of Catalogues	19 18 7			
		42	11	7
,, Art Gallery Account		134	15	5
		£177	7	0

Dr.

MEDAL COMPETITION

	£	s.	d.
To Medals, Cases, and Engraving	15	12	6
	£15	12	6

DERBY CORPORATION

To Balance brought forward	327	17	5
	£327	17	5

ART GALLERY

To Wages	84	4	6
,, Repairs and Alterations	22	11	0
,, Collection and Carriage of Pictures	152	6	4
,, Establishment	134	15	5
,, Medal Competition	14	9	3
	£408	6	6

BALANCE

ASSETS.

To Art Gallery Revenue Account	337	18	6
	£337	18	6

ACCOUNT.

Cr.

	£	s.	d.
By Subscriptions for Medals	1	3	3
,, Art Gallery Account	14	9	3
	£15	12	6

ACCOUNT.

By Derby Corporation, Amount owing to Banker at 29th September, 1895	327	17	5
	£327	17	5

REVENUE ACCOUNT.

By Autumn Exhibition, 1895-6.						
Receipts at Turnstile	£17	16	0			
Commission on Pictures sold ...	13	7	3			
				31	3	3
,, Spring Exhibition, 1896.						
Receipts at Turnstile	£21	17	6			
Commission on Pictures sold ...	5	2	0			
				26	19	6
,, Summer Exhibition, 1896.						
Receipts at Turnstile				12	5	3
,, Balance (deficiency)				337	18	6
				£408	6	6

SHEET.

Liabilities.

By Treasurer	337	18	6
	£337	18	6

H. M. HAYWOOD, Clerk.

We have examined the several Accounts of the Derby Art Gallery for the year ending 29th September, 1896, and hereby certify that they are correct.

Dated this 24th day of October, 1896.

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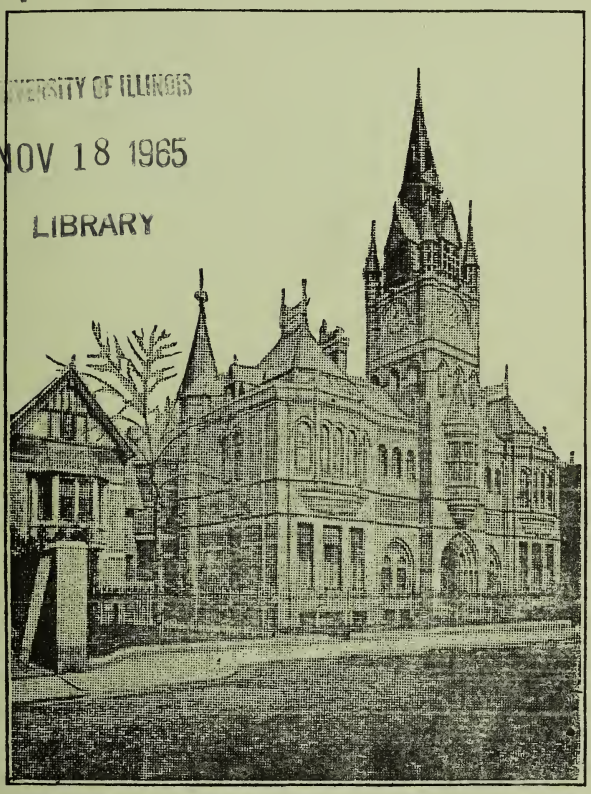

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TWENTY-SIXTH

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Fifteenth Annual Report

OF THE

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LIST OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICIALS.

LIBRARIAN & MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

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" COUNCILLOR ANN, J.P.
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" " ELLIS.
" " LAURIE, M.D.
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ART GALLERY COMMITTEE.

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" " WINTER.
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MR. WILLIAM CROWTHER.

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MR. H. M. HAYWOOD.

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County Borough of Derby.

TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Free Library and Museum Committee.

FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 1897.

THE Free Library and Museum Committee have pleasure in laying before the Town Council their Twenty-sixth Annual Report.

They are glad to report that the Institution of which they have charge is in a prosperous condition. The Library now contains 30,184 volumes, an increase of 1,326 over last year's return. The issues are slightly less, but this, and all other matters of detail are fully discussed in the accompanying Report from the Librarian, to which, with the tables appended, all interested in the details of the work done, are referred.

The Children's Library retains its popularity, and is doing good work, although the novelty has somewhat worn off, and the Committee are more than ever convinced that the step they took in establishing it was a wise one.

The second year's work at the Arboretum Branch Reading Room is also very encouraging. The attendances were counted during the months of December, March, June, and September, and reached the total of 37,829. This gives for the year at the same rate, a total of 113,487, as compared with 107,257 last year. The cost of its maintenance has been kept well within the Committee's estimate.

The Catalogue of the Scientific works in the Reference Library has been published during the year, and also a small new edition of the books in the Devonshire Library, bringing it up to date. The

gradual republication of the Catalogue in classes is being proceeded with; the Fiction division is nearly ready for the printer, and the third division which is to consist of History, Biography and Travel, is in progress.

The re-arrangement of the Museum is steadily progressing, and the Committee which has the work in hand has done a good year's work, principally among the Invertebrates. Further details respecting the Museum will be found in the Curator's Report.

The building is in a good state of repair, and the amount spent on keeping it so has been again comparatively a small one. With no special expenses during the year, the Committee have been able to go back to the usual amount spent on the Library proper, and they see no reason why this amount should not be further increased during the coming year, as there seems to be no probability of any special outlay.

The Committee note with very great regret, the death of Mr. William Hobson, J.P. for twenty-three years Chairman of this Institution. At their meeting on October 30th, 1893, when they received his resignation, they placed on record their conviction that "His unremitting attention to the interests of the Institution has done much to place it in its present prosperous condition." In his retirement its welfare occupied much of his thoughts, and the remembrance of the work he had done in connection with it was always a source of keen pleasure to him.

It is the duty of the Committee in closing this Report to thank the numerous donors of books, newspapers, magazines, and Museum specimens for their gifts during the past year, and they desire further to place on record their high opinion of the way in which the Librarian and all his staff perform their duties.

On behalf of the Committee,

GEORGE BOTTOMLEY,

Chairman.

October, 28*th*, 1897.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

To the Chairman and Members of the Derby Free Public Library and Museum Committee.

GENTLEMEN,

I have much pleasure in laying before you my Twelfth Annual Report and with it the usual tables showing the inner working of the Library. On these I may with propriety make a few explanatory remarks, which I hope will be of interest both to you and to the large section of the general public who use the Library.

Table 1 deals with the Lending Library stock, which is now larger than ever before, the total number of books being 19,337, about a thousand more than last year. 631 new books have been added, and the replacements, which include books worn out during this year and last, number 806. The number of worn-out books for the current year is only 394, and all of these of any value have been replaced. Nine volumes have been lost and paid for, two coming from infected houses have been destroyed, and four have been totally lost through default of borrower and guarantor. About £100 more than last year has been spent on the Library, and the Book Committee have been able to keep it thoroughly up to date. Table 2 deals with the issues, and here it will be noticed that we are about 9000 lower than last year in the gross, and 32 lower in daily average. I find that this is the case in other towns as well, and

there are probably several reasons which might be given in accounting for it, but the principal one in my opinion, is the fact that the past year has been a good one for business. Most of the people who use the Library and Newsrooms have been in constant employment, and have had less time for reading. and some degree of the novelty which attached to the opening of a special Children's Department has worn off. Of the decrease referred to over 3000 are in the Children's Library, and 5000 in Fiction, all other classes remaining about the same. I am glad to report that there is very little to complain of in the way the books are used.

Tables 3 and 4 deal with the Reference Library. The total number of books here is 10,847, including 2,822 volumes of Patents. The additions number 298 (including 121 Patents) against 130 last year, when no patents were included. The daily issue is 43 against 41 last year, and there were 2,206 Patents consulted against 2,594 last year.

Various miscellanous items of information are collected in Table 5. The number of borrowers also shows a decrease, but the proportion between the sexes remains about the same, and Table 6 giving the occupation of the last thousand borrowers shows that all classes are represented among them. Those described as of no occupation are mostly married women, and to that extent, the term is, or should be, a misnomer. The distribution of the same thousand borrowers among the wards of the town is shown in the table below, which varies only slightly from former years. Babington, Becket, Derwent, Friar Gate and Litchurch Wards all contribute above their share; Arboretum, King's Mead, and Castle are below their proper number, although there is a considerable advance in the ward last named.

WARD.	PER THOUSAND.	
	Actual Number of Borrowers.	Number to be expected according to Population.
Arboretum	107	168
Babington	148	122
Becket	237	198
Castle	70	115
Derwent	71	64
Friar Gate	165	113
King's Mead	103	145
Litchurch	99	75

Books which were overdue had to be written for to the number of 969, and no fewer than 4,059 books passed through the binders' hands for greater or less reason. Of these at least 3,600 were dealt with on our own premises. No fewer than 1,232 books were bespoken by borrowers during the year, Table 7 summarises the principal figures of the year for purposes of comparison.

The attendance in the Newsrooms has been slightly less than usual, although the actual numbers have not been taken. There is no complaint to be made about the order, and I find that the habitués of the rooms are as anxious to preserve quiet as we ourselves. Neither petty theft nor mutilation of magazines has been quite absent during the year, either in the Central Reading Rooms or at the Arboretum, and the class of magazine stolen generally shows the literary tastes of the thief or thieves to be of a somewhat high order.

The work of re-arranging the Museum has proceeded steadily during the entire year, and the sub-committee charged with the work has been fully occupied. The Invertebrates, beginning with the lowest forms of life, and proceeding as far as the Mollusca, are practically finished and fill one of the large wall cases, and the Mollusca will next receive attention. The work already done has met with approval from various visitors well qualified to judge. The specimens in the "Birds" bequest have all been carefully gone through, those wanted for our own collection selected, and the duplicates have been offered on loan to various Schools and Colleges in the town, several of which have accepted the loan on the terms offered. The collection of early electrical and galvanic apparatus, made by the late Mr. J. A. Warwick, and presented to the Museum by Mr. Herbert Strutt, J, P., will most of it be disposed of in the same way.

I had the pleasure of attending the Second International Library Conference held in London in July last as a representative of this Library, and much enjoyed and profited by the meetings.

In concluding this Report, I have once more to express my acknowledgments to the local press, for their ready co-operation and help in anything likely to benefit the Institution. From the staff I have had cheerful and efficient help, and I believe that all are animated by the desire to make the benefits of the Institution fully available to the inhabitants of the town. My own work

throughout the twelve years I have been in your service, has been a pleasure to me, and I hope I may continue to merit your approbation.

I remain, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

W. Crowther.

Librarian and Curator.

October 28*th*, 1897.

FIFTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Corporation Art Gallery Committee.

THE Art Gallery Committee have pleasure in presenting their Fifteenth Annual Report to the Town Council. According to custom, a comparative table of the number of visitors for the last three years is given below.

	1894-95	1895-96	1896-97
Visitors to Autumn Exhibition	17747	17707	14360
„ Spring „	18070	17300	15340
„ Summer „	11980	12150	12152
Total Visitors	47797	47157	41852
Total Days Open by Payment	160	164	178
„ „ Free	89	87	90
Total Days Open ...	249	251	268
Average on Paying Days	68	62	53
„ Free Days	415	425	361

It will be noticed that the number of visitors is below those of previous years, a result which has characterised the returns from many other Art Galleries and Museums during the current year. The proportion between the numbers on the free days and paying days remains at about seven to one. The total number of visitors to the Gallery since its opening is now 575,501.

The deficit to be paid by the Council is £17 less than that of last year. The catalogue value of the pictures sold at the Exhibitions is £449 12s. 0d., which exeeds last year's result by £76. The Annual Art Union was again a success.

The usual number of Exhibitions was held during the year, the Autumn and Spring consisting as in former years, of modern pictures in both oil and water colours. The Committee believe that the standard of the works exhibited steadily improves, and for each Exhibition more pictures were submitted than could possibly be hung. This is a very cheering sign, proving that the Gallery continues to hold its place in the estimation of artists. Mr. Calderon's picture of the "Renunciation of Elizabeth of Hungary"

was lent by the Chantrey Trustees, and Sir George Paget lent his own portrait by Professor Herkomer to the Spring Exhibition. The Committee were fortunate enough to secure for the Summer Exhibition the first Travelling Collection of Water Colours from South Kensington. This fine collection proved of great value to Art Students, and of interest to the general public.

The Autumn Exhibition, now open, is equal to any of its predecessors in merit, and about one hundred and fifty pictures had to be rejected for lack of space. Up to the present time, both attendance and sales have been satisfactory.

The four cases of Art objects lent to the Gallery by the South Kensington authorities were changed in June last, and are of an interesting and useful character. The Committee have once more to acknowledge the courtesy of the officials of the Department, and their anxiety to meet the wishes of the Committee in the objects selected. Large use has been made during the year of the facilities afforded for copying these objects, and the Committee hope that much benefit will result to manufactures carried on in the Borough from the advantages thus offered by the Gallery. Other Art objects have been lent by various persons during the year, to all of whom the thanks of the Committee are due.

The twelfth season of Saturday popular Concerts, organised by the Curator took place last winter, and to the musical friends, both amateur and professional, who assisted, the best thanks of the Committee are again due.

The Committee have to report that the building is in a good state of repair, and that the charges under this head have been but slight during the past year, while the establishment charges are also lower than last year's. Everything in connection with the Gallery has been worked as economically as possible, consistent with efficiency, and the Committee think that the Council may be congratulated on the success of a valuable institution being maintained at so small a cost.

It only remains to express our full appreciation of the zeal and efficiency with which the duties of the Curator are discharged. To his good management is largely due the success of the Gallery.

On behalf of the Committee,

WILLIAM BEMROSE,

October 28th, 1897. Chairman.

Statistical Tables.

TABLE I.

LENDING DEPARTMENT.

LIBRARY STOCK.

CLASS.	1 Number of Volumes in Library, September, 1896.	2 Volumes lost and paid for.	3 Vols. from Infected Houses Destroyed.	4 Volumes Totally Lost.	5 Volumes Withdrawn as worn out.	6 Total.	Stock reduced as per Column 6.	Number of Books Replaced.	Number of New Books.	Present Library Stock, 1897.	Total Increase.	Percentage of Books in each Class.
Arts and Sciences	1869	...	...	...	...	...	1869	1	27	1897	28	9·81
Law and Politics...	273	...	...	...	...	...	273		14	287	14	1·49
Natural History	449	...	...	...		...	449		10	459	10	2·37
Poetry and Drama	641	...	...	...	...	...	641		17	658	17	3·40
Theology and Philosophy ...	1021	...	...	1	..	1	1020		14	1034	13	5·35
Light Literature	5002	9	...	1	344	354	4648	717	208	5573	571	28·82
Children's Department	1347	...	2	...	42	44	1303	88	100	1491	144	7·71
History, Travels, and Biography	6044	...	...	1		1	6043		156	6199	155	32·06
Miscellaneous	1663	...	...	1	8	9	1654		85	1739	76	8·99
Totals	18309	9	2	4	394	409	17900	806	631	19337	1028	100·00

TABLE II.

LENDING DEPARTMENT.

Showing the Monthly Issue in each Class, the Number of Days the Library was open, the Total Volumes Issued, and the Daily Average.

MONTH.	Number of Days Open.	Science and Art.	Politics and Commerce.	Natural History.	Theology and Philosophy.	Poetry and Drama.	Fiction.	History, Biography, and Travel.	Miscellaneous.	Children's Library.	Total	Daily Average of Volumes.
1896 ...												
October ..	25	409	19	54	115	119	12343	618	614	1832	16123	645
November ...	19½	409	9	43	92	97	10276	514	519	1903	13862	711
December ...	22	333	8	45	88	69	10115	468	515	1815	13456	612
1897												
January ...	24	416	14	65	91	93	11885	565	581	1977	15687	654
February ...	22	392	12	76	93	75	11380	548	530	1964	15070	685
March ...	21	364	8	62	85	73	11104	521	519	2010	14746	702
April	22	296	7	79	60	75	11099	488	579	1731	14414	655
May	24	277	9	83	104	63	10922	485	562	1639	14144	590
June	6	39	1	16	8	13	1878	106	78	256	2395	399
July	25	268	7	46	59	50	8955	358	390	1255	11388	456
August ...	23	252	10	25	81	68	9134	384	395	1118	11467	499
September ...	23½	317	14	23	66	70	10230	478	421	1197	12816	545
Totals ...	257	3772	118	617	942	865	119321	5533	5703	18697	155568	605

TABLE III.

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

LIBRARY STOCK.

CLASS.	No. of Vols. in Library, September, 1896.	Additions during the year.	Present Library Stock 1897.
Arts and Sciences	2135	85	2220
Law and Politics	268	1	269
Natural History	585	16	601
Poetry and Drama	162	1	163
Theology and Philosophy	282	12	294
Light Literature	63	...	63
History, Travels, Biography, &c.	1735	21	1756
Miscellaneous	1354	27	1381
Devonshire Library	1264	14	1278
Patent Library	2701	121	2822*
Total	10549	298	10847

Pamphlets not included in the above.

* Patents are now received singly, and only *completed* volumes are here included.

TABLE IV.

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

Showing the Monthly Issue in each Class, the number of Days the Library was open, the Total Volumes issued, and the Daily Average.

MONTH.	Number of Days open.	Science and Art.	Politics and Commerce.	Natural History.	Theology and Philosophy.	Poetry and Drama.	Fiction.	History, Biography, and Travel.	Miscellaneous.	Patent Library.	Books for Blind.	Devonshire Library.	Total.	Daily Average of Volumes.
1896														
October ..	27	340	14	65	59	199	63	332	57	539	...	32	1700	63
November ..	21	257	15	84	22	210	46	196	52	17	...	8	907	43
December ..	24½	331	15	52	66	90	63	251	45	396	...	1	1310	53
1897														
January ...	26	335	16	62	48	55	66	279	40	249	...	23	1173	45
February ...	24	398	22	43	58	152	39	232	29	23	...	18	1014	42
March ...	23	345	23	49	62	91	13	245	49	154	...	7	1038	45
April	24	315	24	31	60	73	3	240	20	205	...	25	996	42
May	26	287	36	44	53	52	12	178	20	215	...	49	946	36
June	9	105	16	30	28	6		89	15	106	...	7	402	45
July	27	276	34	44	75	40	13	196	41	34	...	5	758	28
August ...	25	273	37	44	60	36	15	170	25	205	...	40	905	36
September ..	26	434	68	73	84	17	11	168	43	63	...	17	978	38
Totals ...	282½	3696	320	621	675	1021	344	2576	436	2206	...	232	12127	43

TABLE V.

MISCELLANEOUS.

MONTH.	Number of New Borrowers.			Number of Cards Cancelled.	Number of Overdue Books written for.	Number of Books Re-bound.	Number of Books Repaired and Numbered.
	Males.	Females.	Children's Departm'nt				
1896.							
October	48	54	26	21	52	97	219
November	41	22	38	11	83	26	514
December	42	16	20	8	105	10	399
1897.							
January	55	44	37	11	119	42	480
February	60	29	15	10	84	...	206
March	33	38	22	7	128	149	299
April	26	27	18	13	100	...	241
May	29	20	17	11	123	...	203
June	5	6	1	7	...	...	188
July	28	20	16	6	11	23	194
August	28	22	17	14	87	168	220
September	40	29	17	12	77	...	381
Total	435	327	244	131	969	515	3544

Approximate Total Number of Borrowers' Tickets now in force ... 7,500.

TABLE VI.

Occupations of the Last Thousand of the New Borrowers.

Agents and Collectors ...	18
Apprentices and Shop Assistants	49
Architects, Surveyors and Draughtsmen	5
Bakers and Confectioners .	6
Basket Maker	1
Bookbinders, Printers, Lithographers, and Compositors	22
Boot and Shoe Makers ...	3
Brewers	2
Builders, Bricklayers, and Plasterers	8
Butchers	9
Cabmen	2
Carpenters, Joiners, and Cabinet Makers ...	12
Carter	1
Chemists and Druggists ...	4
China Workers	6
Clergymen and Ministers ...	3
Clerks and Bookeepers ...	98
Commercial Travellers ...	7
Corset Maker	1
Drapers	7
Domestic Servants	14
Dyer	1
Engineers, Moulders, Smiths, Fitters, Boiler Makers, & Engine Drivers ...	39
Errand and Office Boys ...	17
Factory Hands	38
Farmer	1
Firemen	2
Fishmonger	1
Footman	1
Gardeners	2
Grocers	10
Grooms	2
Hairdressers	9
Housekeepers	10
Inland Revenue Officers ...	3
Labourers	9
Laundresses	2
Lay Reader	1
Milliners and Dressmakers...	32
Musicians & Music Teachers	6
Newspaper Manager ...	1
Novelists	2
Nurses	6
Painters and Paper-hangers	8
Photographer	1
Piano Tuner	1
Platers	3
Plumbers and Glaziers ...	3
Policeman	1
Porters, Caretakers, and Attendants	6
Postman	1
Railway Employés	13
Rope Maker	1
Saddler	1
Scholars and Students ...	63
Sister of Mercy	1
Skinners	2
Soldiers	2
Stationer	1
Stone Polisher	1
Surgeons, Physicians and Doctors	4
Tailoresses	3
Tailors, Hatters, and Hosiers	20
Teachers and Pupil Teachers	55
Telegraphists	3
Telegraph Messengers ...	5
Telephone Operator ...	1
Turners and Brass Finishers	7
Typewriter	1
Waiters and Waitresses ...	8
Warehousemen	10
Watchmaker...	1
Wine and Spirit Merchants	2
Wood Carver	1
No Occupation	297
Total ...	1,000

TABLE VII.

GENERAL SUMMARY.

COMPARATIVE RETURNS.

	1896	1897
Lending Library Replacements	305	806
New Books	518	631
Total Books	18309	19337
,, Issues	164676	155568
Average Daily Issue	637	605
Turnover of each Volume	8·99	8·04
Reference Library :—		
New Books	130	298
Total Books	10549	10847
,, Issues	11814	12127
Average Daily Issue	41	43
New Borrowers	1350	1006
Total Borrowers (approximate)	7500	7500
Number of Works issued per Borrower ...	23.5	22·4
Cards Cancelled	151	131
Overdue Books written for	649	969
Books Re-bound and Repaired	2760	4059

GENERAL DATA.

Population (estimated to June, 1897)	103,291
Rateable Value (September, 1897)	£427,138
Amount of Rate Levied	One Penny.
Amount produced by Rate	£1,737
Library Stock	29.2 PER CENT. OF POPULATION.

DONATIONS TO THE LIBRARY.

AGENT-GENERAL FOR NEW SOUTH WALES—A Statistical Account of the Seven Colonies of Australasia.

BRADSHAW, MRS.—History of the Colvile Family.

BRISCOE, J. POTTER, ESQ.—"Sacred Poems"; "The Village Feast.' (2 Derbyshire Books.)

BRITISH MUSEUM, TRUSTEES OF—
Catalogue of Welwitsch's African Plants, Part One.
,, ,, Fossil Cephalopoda ,, Three.
,, ,, Tertiary Mollusca ,, One.
Guide to Fossil Mammals and Birds.
,, ,, Reptiles and Fishes.
,, ,, Invertebrates and Plants.

BROWNE, MESSRS. T. B., LTD.—Advertisers' A. B. C. and Press Directory for 1897.

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CAMPBELL, REV. WM.—The Articles in Formosan.

CONSTABLE & CO., MESSRS.—"Heine on Shakespeare." (Two copies)

COOPER, WILLIAM, ESQ.—Schedule of Loans and Sinking Fund Calculations, 1896; Bound Copy of Corporation Accounts, 1895-6.

COX, ARTHUR, ESQ.—Journal of the Derbyshire Archæological and Natural History Society, Vols. 16, 18, 19.

CURRIE, MESSRS. DONALD & CO.—Official Handbook of South Africa.

DENT, MISS—Letters of Miss Frances Rolleston; The Pilgrimage of Harmonia.

DIGBY, LONG & CO., MESSRS.—"Cantos from the Divina Comedia of Dante," by *C. Potter.*

ELLIS, CHARLES, ESQ.—A Selection of Shakespeare's Sonnets, with Bible Harmonies (two copies).

GRANT, JOHN, ESQ.—"Charlotte Corday."

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London Directory Company, Ltd., Messrs.—London Directory, 1896–7.

Manchester Free Public Library—Quarterly Record of Books added to the Reference Department.

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Secretary, Co-operative Union, Ltd.—29th Annual Report of the Co-operative Congress, 1897.

Secretary, Council of the Federated Institution of Mining Engineers—Report of the Proceedings of the Conference on Inland Navigation; Mr. J. H. Merivales paper on "The Education of Mining Engineers."

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SECRETARY, Society of Arts—Report of the Proceedings of the International Congress on Technical Education.

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UNSWORTH, REV. WM.—The Influence of Jesus Christ on Work and Workers.

WALKER, CHARLES CLEMENT, ESQ.—"John Heminge and Henry Condell," Friends and Fellow Actors of Shakespeare.

WILLIAMS AND NORGATE, MESSRS.—The Hippolutos and Ion of Euripides; The King and the Kingdom, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Series.

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BEMROSE, ARTHUR CADE, ESQ.—"Tarantula."

BOYNTON, T. ESQ., F.S.A.—Cast Medallion of the late Joseph Strutt, Esq.

BONUS, MRS.—Hippocamp.

CREWE, HUGO HARPUR, ESQ.—10 Coins of Henry III.

STRUTT, GEORGE HERBERT, ESQ., J.P.—Collection of early Electrical Apparatus, made by the late J. A. Warwick, Esq.

YARNELL, MRS.—Parcel of Coins.

Abstract of Accounts.

Derby Free

ABSTRACT OF THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE

Dr. **REPAIRS AND ALTERATIONS**

	£	s.	d.
To Joiner's, Plumber's, and Painter's Work	14	18	3
,, Locksmith's Work, and Repairing Electric Bells ...	2	13	0
,, Builder's and Painter's Work (Librarian's House) ...	14	11	1
,, Painting and Repairs (Porter's Lodge)	9	8	6
,, Upholsterer's Work	4	13	6
,, Lamps for Electric Light, and Repairs	5	3	9
	£51	8	1

SALARIES AND

To W. Crowther, Chief Librarian and Curator	240	0	0
,, W. H. Walton, Assistant Librarian	93	15	0
,, E. J. Crowther ,, ,, ...	48	5	0
,, W. L. Coltman ,, ,, ...	36	0	0
,, L. C. Goodwin ,, ,, ...	16	9	0
,, G. W. Pullen ,, ,, ...	16	5	0
,, H. White ,, ,, ...	14	2	0
,, H. M. Haywood, Committee Clerk	44	3	4
,, Porter's Wages and Assistant Cleaners	80	5	3
,, Watson, Sowter & Co., Auditors	7	7	0
	£596	11	7

LIBRARY

To New Books	283	16	6
,, Binding and Repairing Books	128	7	8
,, Palæontographical and Harleian Society's Reports ...	2	2	0
,, Printing Post Cards and other Notices and Forms ..	19	16	2
,, Printing Fines Books	4	4	0
,, Binding Magazines	15	9	9
,, Binding Materials	8	5	0
	£462	1	1

Library, &c.

YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 29, 1897.

TO PREMISES ACCOUNT. Cr.

	£	s.	d.
By Free Library Revenue Account	51	8	1
	£51	8	1

WAGES ACCOUNT.

By Free Library Revenue Account	596	11	7
	£596	11	7

ACCOUNT.

By Sale of Catalogues	4	14	1
,, Fines upon Readers for Detention of Books	50	3	0
,, Fees for New Tickets and Post Cards	10	9	10
,, Lost and Damaged Books	1	14	4
,, Free Library Revenue Account	394	19	10
	£462	1	1

Dr.

READING AND NEWS

	£	s.	d.
To Magazines and Periodicals	31	3	7
,, Newspapers, Illustrated Papers, &c.	61	5	0
,, Directories and Dictionaries	8	18	3
,, Covers for Magazines	7	9	3
,, Printing Reference Catalogue	37	0	9
	£145	16	10

MUSEUM

To Specimens	25	19	0
,, Book (Plates of Birds' Eggs)	2	2	0
,, Papering Cases	4	14	9
,, Labels	0	19	8
	£33	15	5

ARBORETUM

To Caretaker's Salary	10	0	0
,, Rent of Premises	10	0	0
,, Gas	8	14	11
,, Coal	7	19	0
,, Newspapers, Magazines, &c.	28	17	3
,, Joiner's and Plumber's Work	2	2	9
,, National Telephone Co., Annual Subscription ...	5	0	0
,, Miscellaneous Payments	3	18	2
	£76	12	1

DERBY

To Free Library Rate at One Farthing in the £, one Quarter to 25th December, 1896	434	5	0
,, Ditto, Quarter ending 25th March, 1897	434	5	0
,, Ditto, Quarter ending 24th June, 1897	434	5	0
,, Ditto, Quarter ending 29th September, 1897	434	5	0
	£1737	0	0

ROOMS ACCOUNTS.

Cr.

	£	s.	d.
By Sale of Old Periodicals, &c.	8	4	3
,, Free Library Revenue Account	137	12	7
	£145	16	10

ACCOUNT.

By Free Library Revenue Account	33	15	5
	£33	15	5

BRANCH ACCOUNT.

By Free Library Revenue Account...	76	12	1
	£76	12	1

CORPORATION.

By Treasurer, Free Library Rate granted Nov. 9th, 1896	434	5	0
,, Ditto, granted February 3rd, 1897	434	5	0
,, Ditto, granted May 5th, 1897	434	5	0
,, Ditto, granted August 4th, 1897	434	5	0
	£1737	0	0

Dr. **ESTABLISHMENT**

	£	s.	d.
To Gas	11	13	4
,, Electric Light and Meter Rent	148	10	9
,, Water	1	13	4
,, Coal	24	14	3
,, Fire Insurance	19	17	0
,, Ironmongery	3	1	9
,, Plants, Bulbs, &c., for Garden	8	14	4
,, Petty Cash Payments by Librarian	39	18	0
,, Printing Annual Reports	9	10	0
,, Various Printing and Stationery	11	18	6
,, Cleaning Windows	10	0	0
,, Property Tax and House Duty	1	4	2
,, Miscellaneous Expenses	5	13	5
,, Interest and Commission Charged by Bankers, and Cheque Books	9	16	6
,, Clothing for Porter	4	2	6
,, Garden Hose	2	17	11
,, National Telephone Co. Annual Subscription ...	5	5	0
	£318	10	9

FREE LIBRARY

To Balance brought forward	1	17	1
,, Repairs and Alterations to Premises	51	8	1
,, Salaries and Wages	596	11	7
,, Library	394	19	10
,, Reading and News Rooms	137	12	7
,, Museum	33	15	5
,, Arboretum Branch	76	12	1
,, Establishment	284	12	1
,, Balance	159	11	3
	£1737	0	0

BALANCE

ASSETS.

To Treasurer	*159	11	3
	£159	11	3

*NOTE.—Books on Order £60
Additions to Porter's House £40

£100

ACCOUNT. Cr.

	£	s.	d.
By Derby Mechanics' Institute, Acknowledgment for Encroachment	0	1	0
,, Commissioners of Inland Revenue, Repayment of Income Tax (Sch. A.) 3 years	25	8	4
,, Derby Corporation Art Gallery ditto.	8	9	4
,, Free Library Revenue Account	284	12	1
	£318	10	9

REVENUE ACCOUNT.

By Quarterly Rates granted by the Derby Corporation...	1737	0	0
	£1737	0	0

SHEET.

LIABILITIES.

By Free Library Revenue Account	159	11	3
	£159	11	3

H. M. HAYWOOD, CLERK.

We have examined the several Accounts of the Derby Free Library and Museum, for the year ending September 29th, 1897, and hereby certify that they are correct.—Dated this 26th day of October, 1897.

WATSON, SOWTER & Co., A.C.A., *Auditors appointed by the Corporation.*

GEORGE FROST,
JAMES HARWOOD, } *Auditors appointed by the Burgesses.*

C. BOAM, *Auditor appointed by the Mayor.*

Derby Corporation

ABSTRACT OF THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE

Dr.

WAGES

	£	s.	d.
To Wages to Attendant at Turnstile and Charwoman ...	86	6	6
,, Watson, Sowter & Co., Auditors	3	3	0
	£89	9	6

REPAIRS AND

To Repairs to Heating Apparatus	1	1	6
,, Joiner's Work	2	14	5
	£3	15	11

COLLECTION AND CARRIAGE OF

To Collection and Carriage of Pictures, &c., and obtaining Loans	155	19	4
	£155	19	4

ESTABLISHMENT

To Fire Insurance	4	13	9
,, Gas	1	5	7
,, Electric Light and Meter Rent	35	9	0
,, Coal	4	11	10
,, Ironmongery	2	1	0
,, Advertising	2	5	0
,, Printing, Stationery, and Posting	30	17	9
,, Printing Catalogues	29	3	6
,, Printing Programmes for Concerts	3	19	0
,, Petty Cash Payments by Curator	17	5	0
,, Interest and Commission charged by Bankers ...	9	7	7
,, Attendant's Clothing	5	16	6
,, Property Tax (4 years)	11	4	10
,, Polishing Piano and Cover for same	3	4	6
	£161	4	10

Art Gallery.

YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 29, 1897.

ACCOUNT.				Cr.
				£ s. d.
By Art Gallery Account				89 9 6
				£89 9 6

ALTERATIONS ACCOUNT.				
By Art Gallery Account				3 15 11
				£3 15 11

PICTURES AND LOANS ACCOUNT.				
By Art Gallery Account				155 19 4
				£155 19 4

ACCOUNT.				
By Advertisements in Catalogue	£1 1 0			
,, Sale of Catalogues	16 13 7			
				17 14 7
,, Art Gallery Account				143 10 3
				£161 4 10

Dr. **DERBY CORPORATION**

	£	s.	d.
To Balance brought forward	337	18	6
	£337	18	6

ART GALLERY

To Wages	89	9	6
,, Repairs and Alterations	3	15	11
,, Collection and Carriage of Pictures	155	19	4
,, Establishment	143	10	3
	£392	15	0

BALANCE

ASSETS.

To Art Gallery Revenue Account	320	13	3
	£320	13	3

ACCOUNT. **Cr.**

By Derby Corporation, Amount owing to Banker at 29th September, 1896				337	18	6
				£337	18	6

REVENUE ACCOUNT.

By Autumn Exhibition, 1896–7.						
Receipts at Turnstile	£15	15	9			
Commission on Pictures sold ...	14	0	0			
				29	15	9
,, Spring Exhibition, 1897.						
Receipts at Turnstile	£21	4	11			
Commission on Pictures sold ...	8	5	6			
				29	10	5
,, Summer Exhibition, 1897.						
Receipts at Turnstile				12	15	7
,, Balance (deficiency)				320	13	3
				£392	15	0

SHEET.

Liabilities.

By Treasurer	320	13	3
	£320	13	3

H. M. HAYWOOD, Clerk.

We have examined the several Accounts of the Derby Art Gallery for the year ending 29th September, 1897, and hereby certify that they are correct.

Dated this 26th day of October, 1897.

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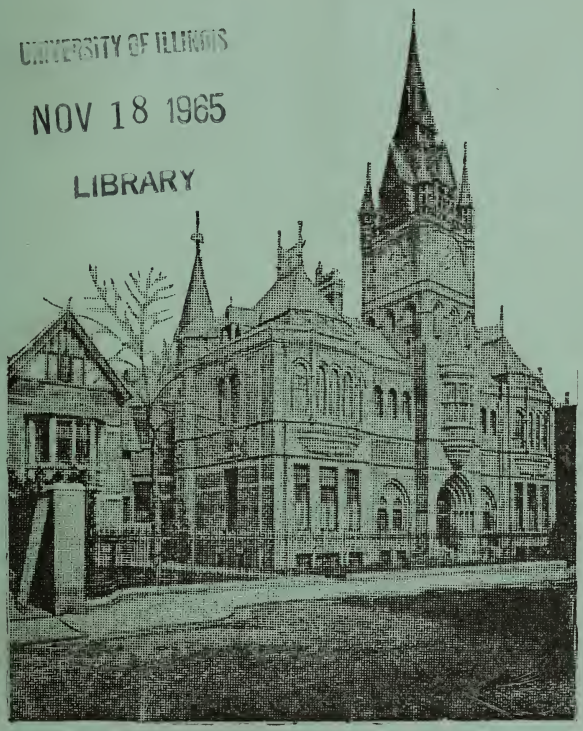

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LIBRARIAN, CURATOR, AND SECRETARY.

MR. WILLIAM CROWTHER.

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MR. W. LOUIS COLTMAN.

JUNIOR ASSISTANTS.

G. W. PULLEN. HELEN J. WHITE.
T. GOODWIN.

ART GALLERY ATTENDANT: J. FOLEY.

PORTER: GEORGE PULLEN.

COUNTY BOROUGH OF DERBY.

Twenty-sixth Annual Report

OF THE

Free Library & Museum Committee

For the year ended September 30th, 1898.

THE Free Library and Museum Committee have pleasure in laying before the Town Council their Twenty-seventh Annual Report.

The Library and Museum are in a prosperous condition. The Library now contains 31,210 volumes—an increase of a little more than a thousand during the year—and full details respecting it and its working will be found in the Librarian's Report to this Committee and the tables appended to it. The Committee have made no new departure during the year, but the usefulness of the Institution as a whole has been fully maintained.

The Arboretum Branch Reading Room fully justifies its establishment, and the numbers using it show a steady increase. In the four months of the year in which the visitors were counted, the numbers reached 40,091, giving a total for the year of 120,273, which is 6,700 more than last year, and 13,000 more than the first year in which it was open. The special exit into Rose Hill Street, for use during the last hour of the evening, has proved a great boon, and the Committee desire to acknowledge the readiness with which the Arboretum Committee met their views when the subject came under discussion. The cost of maintenance keeps well within the Committee's estimate, although this year there has been special painting and cleaning to be provided for.

The re-arrangement of the Museum still steadily progresses under the direction of the Sub-Committee charged with the work. Some valuable donations to the Museum will be found in the lists this year, among the most important of which are a number of horns from South Africa, presented by Colonel J. A. Spreckley, of Buluwayo, a former townsman. To the same gentleman's good

offices the Committee are indebted for the purchase of a lion on very favourable terms. This the Museum Committee hope to have in its place about Christmas. Another important addition is the bequest of a collection of Army and Navy Medals, which the Committee have received through the executors of the late Mr. W. Litchfield, of Gerard Street. Special cases are being arranged for these on the Museum corridor. Another important gift is that of the "Hutton Memorial," secured through the efforts of Mr. Sidney B. Eckett, late of Derby and now of Birmingham. This consists of a small collection of the famous Derby historian's printed works, and also his portrait. The former have been placed in the "Devonshire" Library, and the latter hung on the Museum corridor.

The buildings are in a good state of repair. Special expenditure has been incurred during the past year in building a small wash-house at the Porter's lodge; in providing a new entrance to the basement on the Strand side, in order to obviate heavy goods being brought in at the front entrance and carried down the steps; and the various parts of the building have been connected by telephone. All these alterations were very much wanted, and their provision is a great increase to the general convenience.

An important change in the staff arrangements was necessitated in March last, when Mr. H. M. Haywood, who had been Clerk to the Committee for nearly twenty years, was appointed Chief Constable of the borough. After consideration, the Committee unanimously decided to hand over his duties to the Librarian — an arrangement which works well. The Committee would like to place on record in this Report their sense of the valuable services rendered to the Institution by Mr. H. M. Haywood during the long period in which he held office, and of his unfailing courtesy and zeal in the discharge of his duties.

It is the duty of the Committee, in closing this Report, to thank the numerous donors of books, magazines, newspapers, and Museum specimens for their donations during the year just closed, and to once more place on record their satisfaction with the way in which Mr. Crowther and his staff discharge their duties both to the Committee and to the public.

On behalf of the Committee,

GEORGE BOTTOMLEY,

October 27th, 1898. *Chairman.*

Librarian's Report.

To the Chairman and Members of the Derby Free Public Library and Museum Committee.

Gentlemen,—

It gives me very great pleasure to lay before you my Thirteenth Annual Report, which is accompanied by the usual Tables explaining the details of our work. On each of these I may be allowed to say a few words, which I hope may be of interest not only to you, but to that large section of the inhabitants of the town who use or are interested in the Library.

From Table I. it will be seen that the Lending Library stock is now nearly twenty thousand volumes, and the questions of shelf room and space on the Indicator will soon become acute. 692 new books have been added, and out of the 499 withdrawn as worn-out, 460 have been replaced. Nine volumes have been lost and paid for, and four have been totally lost. The issues are shown in Table II., and show a decrease of nearly 10,000, or a daily decrease of 38 from last year's results. I find that this decrease is a general one in various parts of the country, and the principal reason for it is probably to be found in the general prosperity of the country, plenty of work affording less leisure for reading. The exceptionally fine weather which has prevailed during the greater part of the year, and the great popularity of the bicycle as a means of recreation, have also something to do with the result. There is some consolation in knowing that the amount of solid reading remains about the same, the principal decreases occurring in Fiction (about 7,000) and in Juvenile books (about 2,000). I am very glad to report that I have had no serious complaint to make about the usage of the books during the year. The Reference Library stock stands at 11,233, which includes a little over 3,000 volumes of Patents. Of these, 1,147 have been consulted, as against 2,206 last year. 169 volumes other than Patents have been added, and the daily issues in the various classes differ little from former years.

Table V. gives a variety of information. From it we gather that the number of new borrowers is about the same as usual—rather more adults and rather fewer children having joined than last year. 1,160

borrowers have had to be reminded that their books were overdue; but the offences cannot have been of such long standing, as the amount which had to be levied for fines is considerably less. No fewer than 3,736 volumes had to pass through the binder's hands for greater or less reason, 519 of which had to be re-bound. All the small repairs, all the numbering, labelling, and lettering (except where books were re-bound) were done by our own man on the premises. The Table giving the occupations of the last thousand borrowers is always an interesting one, showing that all classes and occupations are represented. This year's shows no new features, and the same thousand borrowers are distributed among the Wards as shown in the Table below, on which there is no new remark to make.

WARD.	Per Thousand.	
	Actual Number of Borrowers.	Number to be expected according to Population.
Arboretum	143	168
Babington	132	122
Becket	261	198
Castle	56	115
Derwent	76	64
Friar Gate	130	113
King's Mead...	113	145
Litchurch	89	75

Our new Fiction Catalogue was issued after the Annual Stock-taking, and sells well. A new edition of the Children's Catalogue is ready for the printer, and the next section of the General Catalogue—that embracing History, Biography, and Travel—is in a forward condition. We hope soon to have the Card Catalogue system in operation for showing recent additions, and for the Reference Library as a whole.

The News-rooms are quite as fully used as ever, and I should say that the number using the rooms is larger now than it was before the branch at the Arboretum was opened, while the attendance at the latter increases month by month. The Book Committee went thoroughly into the list of newspapers and magazines at the beginning of the year, and considerably revised and improved it at an additional expenditure of about £14 annually. New lists have been posted in each room, of the magazines to be found there, while a general list in the front corridor shows the names of all that are taken. I have no complaint to make of the conduct of those who use the rooms.

The work of re-arrangement in the Museum has gone on steadily, and the Sub-Committee entrusted with the work has been occupied mainly with the Mollusca. The foreign species, much the larger portion, are complete, and we are now at work on the British varieties. Purchases have been made where necessary, and altogether some 1,650 specimens, displayed on 48 trays, have been arranged, mounted, and labelled. A large number of specimens from the "Birds" collection have been lent to the Technical College, to the Higher Grade Board Schools in Gerard Street,and to other Schools, and still other Schools are making selections. As will be seen from the list, we have received a number of valuable donations, and the lion which has been purchased, and will be in its place shortly, will be a most useful addition to our limited collection of mammals. The shaft of a cross from old St. Alkmund's Church, which formerly stood in the garden, has been brought indoors.

The Institution of Mechanical Engineers held its annual meetings in Derby last July, and the Committee granted the use of our buildings for a Conversazione given by the local Reception Committee to the members, and His Worship the Mayor (Mr. Alderman Duesbury) has since given a similar entertainment to a very large number of guests, Our buildings once more proved their adaptability for such a purpose, and, although at times rather crowded, both functions were very successful.

I attended the Annual Conference of the Library Association, held this year at Southport, on which I have already fully reported to you, and I have been again elected a member of the Council of that body, which, by the way, has received a Royal Charter of Incorporation during the year.

In completing this report, I have again to acknowledge the hearty co-operation of the local press in forwarding the interests of this Institution, which has never been more in evidence than during the past year; and I have great pleasure in bearing testimony to the good and willing work done by all the members of my staff. My own duties have increased, but, thanks to your kindly help and consideration, they are a pleasure to me, and the well-directed work of the various Sub-Committees does much to lighten them.

I remain, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

W. CROWTHER,

October 27th, 1898. *Librarian, Curator, and Secretary.*

Sixteenth Annual Report

OF THE

Corporation Art Gallery Committee.

THE Art Gallery Committee have pleasure in presenting to the Town Council their Sixteenth Annual Report. The number of visitors is about the same as last year, although the Gallery has been open 22 days less. The average attendance shows improvement, and on paying days is rather less than one-sixth of that upon free days. Below is given a comparative table of the number of visitors for the last three years. The total number of visitors since the opening of the Gallery is 616,935.

	1895-96	1896-97	1897-98
Visitors to Autumn Exhibition ...	17707	14360	12948
„ Spring „	17300	15340	14720
„ Summer „	12150	12152	13766
Total Visitors... ...	47157	41852	41434
Total Days Open by Payment... ...	164	178	163
„ „ Free	87	90	83
Total Days Open ...	251	268	246
Average on Paying Days	62	53	60
„ Free Days	425	361	381

Three Exhibitions have been held during the past year, those for the Autumn and Spring being on the usual lines, and consisting of modern pictures in both oil and water colours. At both Exhibitions the sales were satisfactory, although rather below those of last year. Additional interest was given to the Spring Exhibition by the loan of nearly forty pictures from the fine collection of Merton Russell Cotes, Esq., F.R.G.S., of Bournemouth, who placed the Committee and the Town

under further obligation by increasing the number to one hundred and thirty pictures for the Summer Exhibition. This admirably selected collection of works of art has been an immense attraction, and is to remain in the Gallery until the close of the year. The warmest thanks of the Committee and of the Council are due to Mr. Cotes, and also to the Corporation of Oldham, who lent to the Gallery for the Spring Exhibition their grand picture, "The Last Furrow," by Mr. H. H. La Thangue, A.R.A. The Summer Exhibition was completed by a collection of pastels and black and white drawings executed by the late Mr. Arthur J. Cox, of Derby, which were a source of interest not only to his many personal friends, but to the public at large.

The Autumn Exhibition now open has been well attended up to the present. In view of the fact of Mr. Cotes's pictures remaining, it was decided to invite artists to contribute water colours only, and a very good collection is the result. The Art Union, usually held in December, is to be omitted this year.

The four cases belonging to the authorities of the South Kensington Museum had their contents changed at the usual time, and such objects as are likely to be most useful to art students and to the art industries of the town have again been lent. The Museum officials have always shown themselves most anxious to meet the wishes of the Committee as to the class of objects sent. Mr. W. T. Key, who has almost invariably had charge of the annual change, has recently retired from the service, and the Committee cannot but regret the severance of a connection which has always been a most pleasant one, and hope that Mr. Key will enjoy for many years his well-earned leisure. A most interesting case of art objects is now on loan from Mr. Councillor Arthur Wilson, to whom the thanks of the Committee are due for this proof of his interest in the welfare of the Gallery.

Early in the year, the Committee received the welcome intelligence that Colonel Sale, R.E., intended to bequeath a portion of his splendid collection of pictures to the Gallery; and later, Colonel Noel, of the Outwoods, has announced his intention of giving some valuable antique tiles. Mr. Councillor Winter has presented a series of photographic portraits of the County and Borough Magistrates holding office at the time of Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee, in 1897—very interesting now, and likely to become more

so in years to come—and the Committee have also received several other minor gifts These valuable contributions point to the popularity of the Art Gallery and to the educational and recreative advantages it affords to the town. The present Gallery is now full, and the Committee wish to suggest that the Council, in the midst of its other schemes for the benefit of the town, do not lose sight of the necessity of providing a home for the generous gifts already promised. Such valuable gifts to the town by her generous citizens and friends, amounting in value to some thousands of pounds, fully repay the cost incurred in providing room for them, and such provision will add but little to the present cost of maintenance.

The building is in a good state of repair, and the charges for its maintenance have been but slight, while the ordinary establishment charges have been kept at the lowest possible level consistent with efficiency. The amount to be asked for from the Council is larger than usual, but this amount is exceptional, and is accounted for by the heavy charges necessary under the head of Insurance for the special loan collections. Owners of valuable pictures naturally expect their loans to be fully safeguarded when lent to public Galleries ; and, bearing in mind the advantages reaped by art students and the public generally by the sight and study of valuable pictures otherwise inaccessible, the Committee think the money is well spent.

It only remains for the Committee to add the expression of their satisfaction with the great interest and intelligence with which the Curator, Mr. Crowther, fulfils his duties, and the able way in which he is supported by his staff.

On behalf of the Committee,

WILLIAM BEMROSE,

Chairman.

October 27th, 1898.

Statistical Tables.

TABLE I.

LENDING DEPARTMENT.

LIBRARY STOCK.

CLASS.	1 Number of Volumes in Library, September, 1897.	2 Volumes lost and paid for.	3 Volumes Totally Lost.	4 Volumes Withdrawn as worn out.	5 Total.	Stock reduced as per Column 5.	Number of Books Replaced.	Number of New Books.	Present Library Stock, 1898.	Total Increase.	Percentage of Books in each Class.
Arts and Sciences	1897	1	...	3	4	1893	1	51	1945	48	9.73
Law and Politics	287	...	...	...	...	287	...	11	298	11	1.49
Natural History	459	...	...	...	...	459	...	21	480	21	2.40
Poetry and Drama	658	...	...	...	...	658	...	18	676	18	3.43
Theology and Philosophy	1034	...	...	...	...	1034	...	16	1050	16	5.25
Light Literature	5573	8	2	415	425	5148	397	284	5829	256	29.17
Children's Department	1491	...	2	55	57	1434	44	114	1592	101	7.96
History, Travels, and Biography ...	6199	...	...	1	1	6198	...	114	6312	113	31.59
Miscellaneous	1739	...	...	25	25	1714	18	63	1795	56	8.98
Totals	19337	9	4	499	512	18825	460	692	19977	640	100.00

TABLE II.

LENDING DEPARTMENT.

Showing the Monthly Issue in each Class, the Number of Days the Library was open, the Total Volumes Issued, and the Daily Average.

MONTH.	Number of Days Open.	Science and Art.	Politics and Commerce.	Natural History.	Theology and Philosophy.	Poetry and Drama.	Fiction.	History, Biography, and Travel.	Miscellaneous.	Children's Library.	Total.	Daily Average of Volumes.
1897.												
October ...	24	446	16	43	94	71	10874	493	520	2009	14566	607
November ...	20½	373	12	41	94	75	9955	483	533	1826	13392	653
December ...	21½	327	8	36	80	81	9961	453	496	1598	13040	606
1898.												
January ...	24	360	11	78	77	82	11120	523	577	1765	14593	608
February ...	22	368	13	84	103	98	10325	529	467	1615	13602	618
March ...	21	337	12	56	99	68	10227	553	527	1523	13402	638
April	22	283	5	66	111	59	10791	463	493	1313	13584	617
May	22	258	15	77	89	62	9587	450	460	1320	12318	560
June	11	110	2	30	35	22	4262	190	189	521	5361	487
July	22	247	11	62	69	45	7525	311	327	933	9530	433
August ...	23½	266	11	74	79	61	8682	382	395	882	10832	461
September ...	24	300	16	52	77	56	9460	405	421	981	11768	490
Totals ...	257½	3675	132	699	1007	780	112769	5235	5405	16286	145988	567

TABLE III.

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

LIBRARY STOCK.

CLASS.	No. of Vols. in Library, September, 1897.	Additions during the year.	Present Library Stock, 1898.
Art and Sciences	2220	81	2301
Law and Politics	269	3	272
Natural History	601	7	608
Poetry and Drama	163	1	164
Theology and Philosophy	294	9	303
Light Literature	63	—	63
History, Travels, Biography, &c.	1756	25	1781
Miscellaneous	1381	26	1407
Devonshire Library	1278	17	1295
Patent Library	2822	217	3039*
Total	10847	386	11233

Pamphlets not included in the above.

* Patents are now received singly, and only *completed* volumes are here included.

TABLE IV.

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

Showing the Monthly Issue in each Class, the number of Days the Library was open, the Total Volumes issued, and the Daily Average.

MONTH.	Number of Days open.	Science and Art.	Politics and Commerce.	Natural History.	Theology and Philosophy.	Poetry and Drama.	Fiction.	History, Biography, and Travel.	Miscellaneous.	Patent Library.	Books for Blind.	Devonshire Library.	Total.	Daily Average of Volumes.
1897														
October ...	26	383	32	40	40	29	42	217	44	401	...	5	1233	48
November ...	22	366	33	41	31	33	34	219	21	44	...	51	873	40
December ...	23½	395	24	64	20	26	20	176	12	11	...	19	767	33
1898														
January ...	26	404	43	92	67	42	47	205	19	28	...	11	958	37
February ...	24	386	37	127	61	24	14	222	20	19	..	17	927	39
March ..	23	396	33	101	37	13	12	197	35	49	...	5	878	38
April	24	272	47	58	34	35	3	203	11	77	...	20	760	32
May	24	293	25	51	64	40	14	154	11	107	...	71	830	35
June	16	169	17	51	21	17	1	86	8	89	...	28	487	30
July	23	235	28	44	35	46	5	126	48	126	...	52	745	32
August ...	26	337	25	50	66	53	14	197	46	139	...	36	963	37
September...	26	359	42	56	56	44	16	148	19	57	...	35	832	32
Totals ...	283½	3995	386	775	532	402	222	2150	294	1147	...	350	10253	36

TABLE V.

MISCELLANEOUS.

MONTH.	Number of New Borrowers.			Number of Cards Cancelled.	Number of Overdue Books written for.	Number of Books Re-bound.	Number of Books Repaired and Numbered.
	Males.	Females.	Children's Dep'rtm'nt				
1897.							
October	68	49	45	20	98	...	203
November	46	29	12	24	126	1	239
December	27	22	13	15	124	...	312
1898.							
January	48	26	13	19	123	6	423
February	43	28	19	21	95	...	197
March	43	22	13	22	92	17	267
April	35	27	10	13	136	53	261
May...	40	41	22	14	104	33	178
June	11	4	3	17	63	17	463
July	30	19	4	11	7	85	167
August	34	29	4	14	91	...	305
September	39	28	13	21	101	307	202
Total	464	324	171	211	1160	519	3217

Approximate Total Number of Borrowers' Tickets now in force ... 7,500.

TABLE VI.

Occupations of the Last Thousand of the New Borrowers.

Agents and Collectors ...	14
Apprentices and Shop Assistants	46
Architects, Surveyors, and Draughtsmen	8
Artists...	3
Bakers and Confectioners ...	11
Barrister-at-Law	1
Bookbinders, Printers, Lithographers, and Compositors	24
Boot and Shoe Makers ...	6
Brewer...	1
Builders, Bricklayers, and Plasterers	6
Butchers	4
Carpenters, Joiners, and Cabinet Makers	10
Carters...	2
Chemists and Druggists ...	8
China Workers	4
Clergymen and Ministers ...	12
Coachbuilder	1
Clerks and Book-keepers ...	122
Coachmen	3
Commercial Travellers ...	5
Corn Merchant	1
Cycle Maker	1
Deaconess	1
Drapers	9
Domestic Servants	11
Dyers	3
Engineers, Moulders, Smiths, Fitters, Boiler Makers, and Engine Drivers	44
Errand and Office Boys ...	18
Evangelists	2
Furniture Dealer	1
Factory Hands	35
Farmer	1
Fishmonger	1
Gardener	1
Golfer, Professional	1
Grinder	1
Grocers	16
Hairdressers	6
Housekeepers...	5
Inland Revenue Officers ...	2
Ironmongers	2
Labourers	12
Maltsters	2
Managers	3
Milksellers	2
Milliners and Dressmakers ...	23
Musicians and Music Teachers	7
Newsagent	1
Nurses...	8
Page	1
Painters and Paper-hangers ...	8
Photographers	7
Picture Framer	1
Plumbers and Glaziers ...	2
Policemen	5
Postmen	2
Publican and Wine & Spirit Merchant...	2
Porters, Caretakers, and Attendants	8
Publishers	3
Railway Employés	7
Reporter and Journalist ...	2
Saddler	1
Scholars and Students ...	50
Slaters...	2
Solicitors	2
Skinner	1
Surgeons, Physicians, and Doctors	3
Tailoresses	3
Tailors, Hatters, and Hosiers	9
Teachers and Pupil Teachers	51
Typewriter	1
Telegraphists	2
Telegraph Messengers ...	9
Tobacconist	1
Turners and Brass Finishers...	4
Upholsterer	1
Watchmakers and Jewellers...	3
Waiters and Waitresses ...	2
Warehousemen	10
No Occupation	286
Total ...	1,000

TABLE VII.

GENERAL SUMMARY.

COMPARATIVE RETURNS.

	1897.	1898.
Lending Library Replacements	806	460
New Books	631	692
Total Books	19337	19977
„ Issues	155568	145988
Average Daily Issue	605	567
Turnover of each Volume	8 04	7·86
Reference Library:—		
New Books	298	386
Total Books	10847	11233
„ Issues	12127	10253
Average Daily Issue	43	36
New Borrowers	1006	959
Total Borrowers (approximate)	7500	7500
Number of Works issued per Borrower	22·4	19·5
Cards Cancelled	131	211
Overdue Books written for	969	1160
Books Re-bound and Repaired	4059	3736

GENERAL DATA.

Population (estimated to June, 1898)	104,834
Rateable Value (September, 1898)	£429,528
Amount of Rate Levied	One Penny.
Amount produced by Rate	£1,784
Library Stock	29.7 PER CENT OF POPULATION.

DONATIONS TO THE LIBRARY.

Agent-General for British Columbia.—Fifth Report of the Department of Agriculture of the Province of British Columbia; 18th Annual Report of the British Columbia Board of Trade, 1897; British Columbia Year Book, 1897, with Maps, Diagrams, and Illustrations.

Agent-General Canadian Government Agency.—Official Handbook of the Dominion of Canada; The Klondyke Official Guide; Annual Report of the Minister of Mines.

Agent-General for New South Wales.—The Health and Progress of New South Wales, 1895-6; The Wealth and Progress of New South Wales, 1898.

Agent-General for Queensland.—Queensland Past and Present, 1897; Picturesque Queensland, an Illustrated Guide to the Queensland Railways.

Art Gallery, Cardiff.—Annual Report.

Bennett & Co., Messrs.—Bennett's Business Directory, 1898 (Derbyshire).

Bower, Hubert, Esq.—"Heart's Ease"; "The Painted Book," and other Poems.

Brinsmead, Edgar, Esq.—"The History of the Pianoforte."

Briscoe, J. Potter, Esq.—"Sonnets and Songs of Robert Millhouse."

British Museum, Trustees of.—Catalogue of Seals in the Department of Manuscripts; Catalogue of Drawings by British Artists; Catalogue of Japanese Books and Manuscripts; Catalogue of Madreporian Corals, Vol. 3.

Browne, T. B., Ltd., Messrs.—Press Directory and Advertisers' A B C for 1898.

Coe, Rev. Charles C.—"Nature versus Natural Selection."

Collingwood Bros., Messrs.—Collingwood's International Mercantile Directory, 1898.

Cook, Lady.—"Lady Cook's Essays," Vol. 1.

Cooper, William, Esq.—Schedule of Loans and Sinking Fund Calculations, 1897; Abstract of Accounts of the Corporation of Derby, 1896-7.

Crane, Crane, & Co., Messrs.—Crane's Universal Directory and Buyers' Guide for 1897-8.

Crosby, Lockwood, & Son, Messrs.—Catalogue of Scientific and Technical Books, 1898.

Crowther, William.—Transactions and Proceedings of the Second International Library Conference, London, 1897.

Danson, J. T., Esq.—"Our Commerce in War."

Dougal, Messrs. F. H., & Co.—Index Register of Unclaimed Property in Chancery, &c.

Dunn, Mrs. Archibald.—"The World's Highway" (two copies).

Eckett, Sydney B., Esq.—Collection of Books forming the Hutton Memorial.

Editor Newcastle Daily Chronicle.—Newcastle Chronicle Year Book, 1898.

Fryer, Alfred C., Esq.—"Llantwit Major: a Fifth Century University."

Hampton, W., Esq.—Hampton's Scholastic Directory for London and Provinces, 1897-8.

Ilkely Urban District Council.—Watering-places on the North Eastern Railway; Illustrated Guide to Ilkley, Otley, and Wharfedale.

Library Reports from Aberdeen, Ashton-under-Lyne, Battersea, Belfast, Birmingham, Birkenhead, Blackburn, Blackpool, Bolton, Bootle, Bournemouth, Bradford, Brentford, Brighton, Bristol, Buxton, Cambridge, Cardiff, Chelsea, Cheltenham, Clapham, Cork, Croydon, Doncaster, Ealing, Folkestone, Fulham, Glasgow, Gosport, Great Yarmouth, Hammersmith, Halifax, Harlesden, Holborn, Hove, Hyde, Kidderminster, Kilburn, Kingston-upon-Hull, Kingston-upon-Thames, Leamington Spa, Leeds, Leek, Leicester, Lincoln, Liverpool, Longton, Loughborough, Manchester, Norwich, Nottingham, Penarth, Plymouth, Portsmouth, Preston, Reading, Richmond (Surrey), Rochdale, Salford, Sheffield, Shrewsbury, Smethwick, Southampton, St. George's (Hanover Square), St. Giles's, St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, St. Martin-in-the-Fields, St. Mary (Rotherhithe), St. Saviour's (Southwark), St. Helen's, Stafford, Streatham, Stoke Newington, Walthamstow, West Bromwich, West Ham, West Hartlepool, Wigan, Willesden, Wolverhampton, York.

London Directory Co., Ltd., Messrs.—London Directory, 1898.

Longdon, Miss.—21 bound volumes of "Knowledge," 2 unbound; 3 bound volumes of "Health."

Love & Wyman, Ltd., Messrs.—Diamond Jubilee Edition of Wyman's Commercial Encyclopedia.

May, William, Esq.—"Farm, Field, and Fireside," Volume 20.

Methuen & Co., Messrs.—"Three Years in Savage Africa" (Lionel Decle).

Morris, Mrs. William.—"Well at the World's End"; "Sidonia the Sorceress"; "Godefrey of Bologne." Printed at the Kelmscott Press.

PECK, W. E., ESQ.—Peck's Circular and Trades Directory to the Manufactures of Birmingham and District.

ROE, W. R., ESQ.—"Our Deaf and Dumb," Vol. 2 (two copies).

SECRETARY, Co-operative Union, Ltd.—30th Annual Report of the Co-operative Congress, 1898.

SECRETARY, Cripplegate Institute.—Report of the Governors for 1897.

SECRETARY, Durham University.—University Calendar, 1897-8.

SECRETARY, Friends' Tract Association.—"The Quakers, from their Origin to the Present Time."

SECRETARY, Glasgow and West of Scotland Technical College.—College Calendar, 1898-9.

SECRETARY, Incorporated Society of Musicians.—Register of Members for 1898.

SECRETARY, Iron and Steel Institute.—Journal of the Iron and Steel Institute, Vol. 52; Rules and List of Members.

SECRETARY, North British Association of Gas Managers.—"Light without a Wick: a Century of Gas-lighting, 1792-1892."

SECRETARY, Queen's College, Belfast.—College Calendar, 1898-9.

SECRETARY, Royal Colonial Institute.—Proceedings of the Royal Colonial Institute, Volume 29.

SECRETARY, Sanitary Institute.—Illustrated List of Exhibits to which Medals have been awarded at their Exhibitions held in connection with the Congresses.

SECRETARY, Trinity College, London.—College Calendar, 1897-8.

SECRETARY, University College, Dublin.—University College Calendar Examination Papers, 1898.

SECRETARY, University College, Nottingham.—College Calendar for the 17th Session.

SECRETARY, Yorkshire Philosophical Society.—Watson's "Derbyshire Strata."

SELL, HENRY, ESQ.—Dictionary of the World's Press.

SMITH, FRANCIS N., ESQ.—Dictionnaire des Artistes, 4 vols.; "Half-hours with the Microscope"; "On Preparing Objects."

STEPHENS, W. WALKER, ESQ.—"The Life and Writings of Turgot."

STUBBS' PUBLISHING CO., LTD., MESSRS.—Stubbs' Directory for 1898: Manufacturers, Merchant Shippers, and Professional.

SUTTON & SONS, MESSRS.—"The Culture of Vegetables and Flowers."

TAYLOR, SEDLEY, ESQ., M.A.—"A System of Sight Singing."

UNIVERSITY CORRESPONDENCE COLLEGE.—Tutorial Series (per Messrs. W. B. Clive & Co.): London University Guide and Calendar, 1897-8; University Correspondent, Vol. 7; The Preceptor's French Course; Tutorial Chemistry, Part 2; Matriculation Directory, 1898; General Elementary Science; Milton's "Paradise Regained"; English History, Vol. 4; First Stage Magnetism and Electricity; French Prose Composition; Text Book of Zoology; Chemical Analysis; Pamphlets, Leaflets, &c.

Unsworth, Rev. Wm.—"The Influence of Jesus Christ on the People."

Vegetarian Society.—"A Plea for Vegetarianism"; "The Ancoats Skylark"; Manchester Vegetarian Lectures.

Warrington Free Public Library.—Catalogue of the Reference Library.

Williams & Norgate, Messrs.—"Problems of Nature" (C. Jaeger, M.D.).

DONATIONS TO THE MUSEUM.

Brooks, Mr.—"Ashburne Token."

Crewe, Hugo Harpur, Esq.—Coins.

Eckett, Sydney B., Esq.—Portrait of Joseph Hutton (for "Hutton Memorial").

Litchfield, W., Esq., Executors of the Late.—Collection of Naval and Military Medals.

Marsh, Howard, Esq.—Collection of West Indian Birds.

Rickard, W.,—Collection of Geological Specimens.

Vaudrey, Dr.—Collection of Sea Birds.

DONATIONS TO THE ART GALLERY.

Boynton, T., Esq., F.S.A.—Portrait of the late John Etches, of Derby, modelled in Derby Biscuit.

Winter, Councillor W. W.—Collection of Portraits of County Magistrates, with their Autographs, numbering 236 in all, and arranged in three handsome revolving wrought-iron stands; also frame containing 56 Portraits of Borough Magistrates. Presented to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee of Her Majesty the Queen.

Abstract of Accounts.

Derby Free

ABSTRACT OF THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE

Dr. **REPAIRS AND ALTERATIONS**

	£	s.	d.
To Joiner's, Plumber's, and Painter's Work	16	3	1
,, Locksmith's Work, and Repairing and Maintaining Electric Bells	5	11	3
,, Painter's Work (Librarian's House)	6	15	0
,, Alterations at Porter's Lodge	33	7	7
,, Upholsterer's Work	5	11	0
,, Electric Lamps	7	12	0
,, New Indiarubber Mats	6	14	3
,, Telephones throughout Building...	9	18	9
,, New Entrance to Basement	44	8	0
	£136	0	11

SALARIES AND

To W. Crowther, Chief Librarian and Curator	265	0	0
,, W. H. Walton, Assistant Librarian	97	10	0
,, E. J. Crowther, ,, ,, ...	52	0	0
,, W. L. Coltman, ,, ,, ...	41	12	6
,, L. C. Goodwin, Junior Assistant... ,, ...	18	5	0
,, G. W. Pullen, ,, ,, ...	18	17	0
,, H. White, ,, ,, ...	16	13	0
,, T. Goodwin, ,, ,, ...	0	12	0
,, H. M. Haywood, Committee Clerk (half-year)	25	0	0
,, Porter's Wages and Assistant Cleaners	83	2	6
,, Watson, Sowter, and Co., Auditors	7	7	0
	£625	19	0

LIBRARY

To New Books	229	11	3
,, Binding and Repairing Books	127	12	6
,, Palæontographical and Harleian Society's Reports ...	2	2	0
,, Printing Cards, Notices, Forms, and Fines Books ...	22	0	0
,, Printing New Catalogue	18	12	0
,, Binding Magazines	18	8	8
,, Binding Materials	3	12	0
,, Card Catalogue	5	10	0
,, Advertising	1	18	6
	£429	6	11

Library, &c.

YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 29, 1898.

TO PREMISES ACCOUNT. Cr.

	£	s.	d.
By Free Library Revenue Account	136	0	11
	£136	0	11

WAGES ACCOUNT.

By Free Library Revenue Account	625	19	0
	£625	19	0

ACCOUNT.

By Sale of Catalogues	4	19	11
„ Fines upon Readers for Detention of Books	47	10	4
„ Fees for New Tickets and Post Cards	10	17	10
„ Lost and Damaged Books	1	12	2
„ Free Library Revenue Account	364	6	8
	£429	6	11

Dr. **READING AND NEWS**

	£	s.	d.
To Magazines and Periodicals	40	4	1
,, Newspapers, Illustrated Papers, &c.	61	8	3
,, Directories and Dictionaries	3	11	6
,, Framed Lists for Reading Rooms	4	3	0
	£109	6	10

MUSEUM

To Purchase, Carriage, and Mounting of Specimens ...	99	7	0
,, Glass Jars	1	1	1
,, Papering Cases	3	8	7
,, Labels	1	16	3
	£105	12	11

ARBORETUM

To Caretaker's Salary...	10	0	0
,, Rent of Premises	10	0	0
,, Gas	8	4	10
,, Coal...	6	19	2
,, Newspapers, Magazines, &c.	32	13	6
,, Joiner's and Plumber's Work, Ironmongery	1	9	9
,, National Telephone Co., Annual Subscription	5	0	0
,, Painting and Colour-washing	10	14	6
,, Miscellaneous Payments	3	10	9
	£88	12	6

DERBY

To Free Library Rate at One Farthing in the £, one Quarter to 25th December, 1897	444	13	0
,, Ditto, Quarter ending 25th March, 1898	444	13	0
,, Ditto, Quarter ending 24th June, 1898	447	8	6
,, Ditto, Quarter ending 29th September, 1898	447	8	6
	£1784	3	0

ROOMS ACCOUNTS.

Cr.

	£	s.	d.
By Sale of Old Periodicals, &c.	2	12	11
„ Free Library Revenue Account	106	13	11
	£109	6	10

ACCOUNT.

By Free Library Revenue Account	105	12	11
	£105	12	11

BRANCH ACCOUNT.

By Free Library Revenue Account	88	12	6
	£88	12	6

CORPORATION.

By Treasurer, Free Library Rate granted Nov. 9th, 1897...	444	13	0
„ Ditto, granted February 2nd, 1898	444	13	0
„ Ditto, granted May 4th, 1898	447	8	6
„ Ditto, granted August 3rd, 1898	447	8	6
	£1784	3	0

Dr. **ESTABLISHMENT**

	£	s.	d.
To Gas	12	18	7
,, Electric Light and Meter Rent	118	6	9
,, Water	1	13	4
,, Coal	23	2	5
,, Fire Insurance	19	17	0
,, Ironmongery	4	7	11
,, Plants, Bulbs, &c for Garden	8	14	4
,, Petty Cash Payments by Librarian	37	12	2
,, Printing Annual Reports	9	10	0
,, Various Printing and Stationery...	20	8	6
,, Cleaning Windows	13	0	0
,, Property Tax and House Duty	1	4	2
,, Miscellaneous Expenses	7	15	8
,, Commission Charged by Bankers	1	19	9
,, Clothing for Porter	6	0	6
,, Winding and Regulating Clock	3	0	0
,, National Telephone Co., Annual Subscription	5	5	0
	£294	16	1

FREE LIBRARY

To Repairs and Alterations to Premises	136	0	11
,, Salaries and Wages	625	19	0
,, Library	364	6	8
,, Reading and News Rooms	106	13	11
,, Museum	105	12	11
,, Arboretum Branch	88	12	6
,, Establishment	292	17	6
,, Balance	223	10	10
	£1943	14	3

BALANCE

ASSETS.

To Treasurer	*223	10	10
	£223	10	10

* NOTE.—Books and Binding on Order £95
Museum Cases and Mounting £75

£170

ACCOUNT. **Cr.**

	£	s.	d.
By Derby Mechanics' Institute, Acknowledgment for Encroachment	0	1	0
,, Interest allowed by Bankers	1	17	7
,, Free Library Revenue Account	292	17	6
	£294	16	1

REVENUE ACCOUNT.

By Amount brought forward...	159	11	3
,, Quarterly Rates granted by the Derby Corporation ...	1784	3	0
	£1943	14	3

SHEET.

LIABILITIES.

By Free Library Revenue Account	223	10	10
	£223	10	10

W. CROWTHER, SECRETARY.

We have examined the several Accounts of the Derby Free Library and Museum for the year ending September 29th, 1898, and hereby certify that they are correct.—Dated this 14th day of October, 1898.

WATSON, SOWTER, & Co., A.C.A., *Auditors appointed by the Corporation.*

GEORGE FROST, }
JAMES HARWOOD, } *Auditors appointed by the Burgesses.*

ROBERT LAURIE, *Auditor appointed by the Mayor.*

Derby Corporation

ABSTRACT OF THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE

Dr. **WAGES**

	£	s.	d.
To Wages to Attendant at Turnstile and Charwoman ...	85	14	0
,, Watson, Sowter, & Co., Auditors	3	3	0
	£88	17	0

REPAIRS AND

To Joiner's Work	2	1	2
	£2	1	2

COLLECTION AND CARRIAGE OF

To Collection and Carriage of Pictures, and obtaining Loans	185	12	1
,, Insurance on Loans (Special)	85	14	3
	£271	6	4

ESTABLISHMENT

To Fire Insurance	4	18	3
,, Gas	1	3	8
,, Electric Light and Meter Rent	30	2	3
,, Coal...	3	9	9
,, Ironmongery	3	5	9
,, Advertising	8	13	4
,, Printing, Stationery, and Posting	35	5	9
,, Printing Catalogues	38	19	10
,, Printing Programmes for Concerts	2	1	6
,, Petty Cash Payments by Curator	16	15	0
,, Interest and Commission charged by Bankers	9	5	5
,, Attendant's Clothing	5	16	6
,, Property Tax	2	15	6
	£162	12	6

Art Gallery.

YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 29, 1898.

ACCOUNT.

Cr.

	£	s.	d.
By Art Gallery Account	88	17	0
	£88	17	0

ALTERATIONS ACCOUNT.

By Art Gallery Account	2	1	2
	£2	1	2

PICTURES AND LOANS ACCOUNT.

By Art Gallery Account	271	6	4
	£271	6	4

ACCOUNT.

	£	s.	d.			
By Advertisements in Catalogue	24	10	0			
,, Sale of Catalogues...	15	16	6			
				40	6	6
,, Art Gallery Account				122	6	0
				£162	12	6

Dr. **DERBY CORPORATION**

	£	s.	d.
To Balance brought forward	320	13	3
	£320	13	3

ART GALLERY

To Wages	88	17	0
,, Repairs and Alterations	2	1	2
,, Collection, Carriage, and Insurance of Pictures ...	271	6	4
,, Establishment	122	6	0
	£484	10	6

BALANCE

ASSETS.

To Art Gallery Revenue Account	418	15	3
	£418	15	3

ACCOUNT. **Cr.**

	£	s.	d.
By Derby Corporation, Amount owing to Banker at 29th September, 1897	320	13	3
	£320	13	3

REVENUE ACCOUNT.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Autumn Exhibition, 1897-8.						
Receipts at Turnstile	14	5	3			
Commission on Pictures sold	12	10	6			
				26	15	9
,, Spring Exhibition, 1898.						
Receipts at Turnstile	19	8	4			
Commission on Pictures sold	5	7	6			
				24	15	10
,, Summer Exhibition, 1898.						
Receipts at Turnstile	14	3	8			
				14	3	8
,, Balance (deficiency)				418	15	3
				£484	10	6

SHEET.

Liabilities.

By Treasurer	418	15	3
	£418	15	3

W. CROWTHER, Curator and Secretary.

We have examined the several Accounts of the Derby Art Gallery for the year ending 29th September, 1898, and hereby certify that they are correct.

Dated this 10th day of October, 1898.

WATSON, SOWTER, & Co., A.C.A., *Auditors appointed by the Corporation.*

GEORGE FROST,
JAMES HARWOOD, } *Auditors appointed by the Burgesses.*

ROBERT LAURIE, *Auditor appointed by the Mayor.*

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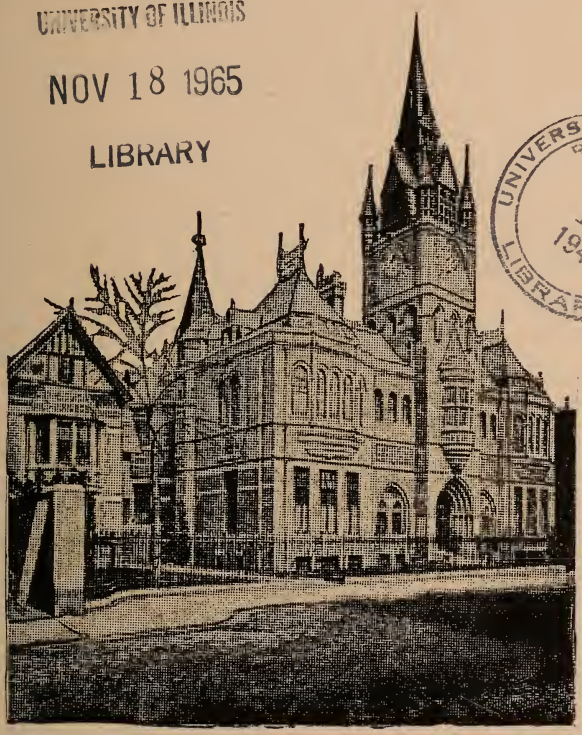

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Art Gallery Committee.

Presented to the Town Council, November 9th, 1899.

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COUNTY BOROUGH OF DERBY.

Twenty-eighth Annual Report

OF THE

Free Library and Museum Committee

For the Year ended September 30th, 1899.

THE Free Library and Museum Committee have pleasure in laying before the Town Council their Twenty-eighth Annual Report.

The Library and Museum are in a prosperous condition. The number of books in the Library now amounts to 32,193, an increase of nearly a thousand volumes during the past year. Full details of these and of the general work of the Library will be found in the Librarian's Report which accompanies this. The question of space in the present building will soon become an urgent one, and the new book-case containing about three thousand volumes, which has been erected during the year, is the last step that can be taken under present circumstances.

The Arboretum Branch Reading Room continues to prosper, and the number of visitors is constantly on the increase. The special exit into Rose Hill Street is much used during the last hour of the evening, and has proved to be an admirable arrangement, although its use has led to a small increase in the gas bill. All the other expenses of maintenance have been kept well within the Committee's estimate. The Committee are sorry to report the death of Mrs. McCarthy, who has had charge of the Room from its opening. She always discharged her duty with zeal and discretion, and the Committee have lost a faithful and valuable servant. Her daughter (Mrs. Macnamara), who has been temporarily in charge, and thoroughly understands the work, has to-day been appointed to the vacant post.

The Sub-Committee charged with the re-arrangement of the Museum has had many meetings during the past year, and the work steadily progresses. This part of the institution has had some valuable additions during the year, prominent among which are the Lion, procured through the good offices of Colonel Spreckley, and a splendid specimen of the Grizzly Bear, presented by His Worship the Mayor (Alderman E. T. Ann, J.P.) The Litchfield Bequest of Army and Navy Medals has also been arranged on the Museum corridor in a case specially provided for it, and a corresponding case will shortly contain the coins and tokens belonging to the Museum. Mr. Sidney B. Eckett, of Birmingham, and formerly of Derby, has supplemented the "Hutton Memorial" by a further gift of Hutton's works, and a picture of the historian's house. Completeness has been given to the memorial by the gift of a good bust of Hutton by Mr. Henson, of Quarndon.

The property is in a good state of repair, and there has been no special expenditure during the year. Next year some painting and cleaning will have to be undertaken, for the first time since 1894.

The Committee, in closing this Report, have again to thank the donors of books, magazines, newspapers, and museum specimens, for their gifts during the past year, and also to express their satisfaction with the administration of the affairs of the Institution by Mr. Crowther and his staff.

On behalf of the Committee,

GEORGE BOTTOMLEY,

October 26th, 1899. *Chairman.*

Librarian's Report.

To the Committee, for the Year ended September 30th, 1899.

Gentlemen,

It gives me much pleasure to lay before you my Fourteenth Annual Report. I propose, as in former years, to point out some of the more prominent facts connected with the tables which accompany it, in the hope that they may prove of interest, not only to yourselves, but to the members of the general public who use the Library and are interested in its work.

Table I. deals with the Lending Library Stock, and it will be seen that this now consists of 20,466 volumes, of which 813 have been added during the year. Of the 562 withdrawn as worn-out, only 256 have been replaced, many of the others being old books, or those of such ephemeral interest that they are not worth replacing. Nine volumes have been lost and paid for, and five have been totally lost. Table II. shows the issues in the same department, and these are 5,000 less than last year and 14 less in daily average. I find that my colleagues throughout the country have had, for the most part, the same experience for the last two years, and I can only point out, as I did last year, that the continued briskness of trade decreases the time which can be given to reading, while the exceptionally fine summer just over has led many of our borrowers to find their recreation out of doors. The decrease is principally in fiction and juvenile literature, the amount of solid reading remaining at much the same level. This fact is emphasised by a small increase in the books taken out of the Reference Department, where the daily issues number 39 against 36 last year. The stock in this department is 11,727 volumes, of which about 3,300 are Patent Specifications; 195 volumes, other than Patents, have been added during the past year, and every effort is made to keep this department quite up-to-date.

In Table V. we have varied information. The total number of borrowers remains about as usual, while of new borrowers there have been added rather more children and fewer adults than last year. No fewer than 1,071 borrowers had to be reminded through the post that their books were overdue, and the amount of fines levied is rather more than last year. Only 340 books had to be re-bound, and I believe we are now beginning to feel the good effect of the use of the Electric Light in this particular. 3,934 books passed through the binder's hands for greater or less reason, minor repairs, numbering, labelling, and lettering, being done by our own binder on the premises. The occupations of the last thousand borrowers are shown in Table VI., and as usual our clients come from allclasses of the community. The same thousand borrowers are distributed among the wards as shown in the following table, on which there is no special remark to make.

Ward.	Per Thousand.	
	Actual Number of Borrowers.	Number to be expected according to Population.
Arboretum	118	168
Babington	133	122
Becket	263	198
Castle	69	115
Derwent	65	64
Friar Gate	151	113
King's Mead	114	145
Litchurch	87	75

The Newsrooms are as fully used as ever, and I have not had any complaint throughout the year concerning the conduct of those who frequent them, neither is there any ground for complaint in the way our books are used. I believe that in both matters there has been a steady improvement during the last five years.

The work of re-arrangement in the Museum has gone steadily on during the year. The British Mollusca are now finished, and a beginning has been made with the birds. A very useful purchase was made in June last, that of the collection of bird skins belonging to A. E. Brown, Esq., of Burton-on-Trent. These are very largely local, and therefore of special interest. The Committee hope that with these, their former stock, and a very few purchases, they will have a good display in the

cases, a further collection of skins available for inspection, and then a number of duplicates for disposal.

His Worship the Mayor has given two entertainments in the Museum and Art Gallery, one to the Derby Photographic Society at the opening of their Exhibition, and one to the delegates sent to the Postal Meetings in Derby and to the local Post Office staff. Both were very successful, and in neither case was it necessary to suspend the use of the Library and Newsrooms.

I attended the Annual Meeting of the Library Association at Manchester in the first week of September, and was again elected a Member of the Council of that body. I have since had the honour of being present at the opening of the Rylands Library, by special invitation of its Founder.

In closing this report, I once more gladly bear witness to the valuable help and co-operation of the local press in everything which tends to forward the interests of this Institution. The work of my staff has been entirely satisfactory, and it is a matter of special gratification to me that the extra work entailed by the serious and prolonged illness of one of their number was cheerfully undertaken, and done in such a way that the service of the public did not suffer in the least. Thanking you for the help given and consideration always shown me during the fourteen years I have been with you, which have made my work a pleasure,

I remain, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

WILLIAM CROWTHER,

October 26th, 1899. *Librarian, Curator, and Secretary.*

Seventeenth Annual Report

OF THE

Corporation Art Gallery Committee.

THE Art Gallery Committee have pleasure in presenting to the Town Council their Seventeenth Annual Report, and in doing so, express the opinion that at no period of its history has the Gallery been doing better work, or been more appreciated by the inhabitants.

A comparative table of the number of visitors for the last three years is given below, and shows that the numbers remain practically the same, and also that the average number on free days is about six times that on paying days. The total number of visitors to the Gallery since its opening is 661,474.

	1896-97	1897-98	1898-99
Visitors to Autumn Exhibition	14360	12948	13302
,, Spring ,, ...	15340	14720	15382
,, Summer ,, ...	12152	13766	15855
Total Visitors	41852	41434	44539
Total Days Open by Payment	178	163	172
,, ,, Free	90	83	90
Total Days Open ..	268	246	262
Average on Paying Days	53	60	58
,, Free Days	361	381	384

The Exhibitions held during the year have been four in number. Mr. Merton Russell Cotes's fine collection of Oils remained for the

Autumn Exhibition, and was supplemented by a good representative collection of Water Colours. The usual Art Union was omitted, and other sales were very small. For the Spring Exhibition, which was of the usual character, the Mayor and Corporation of Bradford lent seven of the fine pictures from their permanent collection, thereby adding much to its interest. The sales at this Exhibition were better, but below the usual mark. The Summer Exhibition was in two sections, the first consisting of Photographs. Many of these were contributed by the Members of the Derby Photographic Society, at whose request the Exhibition was held, and the remainder were sent by eminent photographic artists from all over the kingdom, who had been specially invited by the Committee. The Exhibition was a great success, and the experiment was one which may be repeated with advantage after a reasonable lapse of time. The second section of the Summer Exhibition consisted of the valuable Collection of Landseer Proof Engravings, belonging to Jesse Haworth, Esq., J.P., of Manchester, which he kindly placed at the disposal of the Committee, and these proved a very great attraction.

The Autumn Exhibition, opened on October 19th, will compare favourably with any of its predecessors. It has already been largely visited, and the sales have been satisfactory. The Art Union will no doubt bring the number of pictures disposed of up to the average.

The South Kensington authorities made their change of the contents of the four cases on loan from the Victoria and Albert Museum at the usual time, and as on former occasions, consulted the Committee as to the class of objects they would wish to have sent. In addition to the articles in the cases, a number of framed pictures were lent to meet a special want, and the Committee desire to acknowledge once again the ready courtesy with which their wishes are always met by the Museum Authorities.

The Committee have received during the past year two valuable pictures from the collection of the late Sir John Smith, the gift of Miss Locke, and also several smaller gifts. The Gallery is now quite full, and at every Exhibition a number of works submitted by artists have to be rejected for want of room. Of course this is in a sense gratifying, as pointing out the much improved position of the Gallery in the estimation of the artistic world, but the Committee would be very glad to have more room at their disposal, and they are quite sure that the

Council will keep this fact in view, whenever occasion offers to obtain further space.

The building is in a good state of repair, but will require painting early in the next year. It is some compensation for the increased cost of the Electric Light that no painting has been necessary for five years, instead of in alternate years, as formerly. The ordinary expenses of the Gallery have been kept as low as possible, and the only serious item of expenditure has been the erection of a new boiler to replace the one which had been in use for sixteen years. The amount to be asked for from the Council is £37 10s. less than that of last year, and the whole sum represents a rate of about one-fifth of a penny for the year.

The Committee have again the pleasure of acknowledging the assiduity and tact that the Curator, Mr. Crowther, displays in carrying on the work entrusted to him by the Committee.

On behalf of the Committee,

WILLIAM BEMROSE,

October 26th, 1899. *Chairman.*

Statistical Tables.

TABLE I.

Lending Department.

LIBRARY STOCK.

CLASS.	1 Number of Volumes in Library, September, 1898.	2 Volumes lost and paid for.	3 Volumes from infected houses destroyed.	4 Volumes Totally Lost.	5 Volumes Withdrawn as worn out.	6 Total.	Stock reduced as per Column 6.	Number of Books Replaced.	Number of New Books.	Present Library Stock, 1899.	Total Increase.	Percentage of Books in each Class.
Arts and Sciences	1945	...	...	...	3	3	1942	...	55	1997	52	9·75
Law and Politics	298	...	...	...	...	...	298	...	8	306	8	1·50
Natural History	480	...	...	...	...	...	480	...	45	525	45	2·56
Poetry and Drama	676	...	...	...	...	...	676	...	19	695	19	3·40
Theology and Philosophy ...	1050	...	...	...	1	1	1049	...	35	1084	34	5·30
Light Literature	5829	8	4	5	400	417	5412	193	269	5874	45	28·70
Children's Department ...	1592	...	...	...	144	144	1448	61	112	1621	29	7·92
History, Travels, & Biography	6312	1	...	...	2	3	6309	...	237	6546	234	31·99
Miscellaneous	1795	...	...	...	12	12	1783	2	33	1818	23	8·88
Totals	19977	9	4	5	562	580	19397	256	813	20466	489	100·00

TABLE II.

Lending Department.

Showing the Monthly Issue in each Class, the Number of Days the Library was open, the Total Volumes Issued, and the Daily Average.

MONTH.	Number of Days Open.	Science and Art.	Politics and Commerce.	Natural History.	Theology and Philosophy.	Poetry and Drama.	Fiction.	History, Biography, and Travel.	Miscellaneous.	Children's Library.	Total.	Daily Average of Volumes.
1898.												
October ...	23½	368	13	40	93	83	10423	428	497	1520	13465	573
November ...	20	390	13	66	108	71	9364	414	444	1467	12337	617
December ...	22½	376	5	62	130	53	10333	442	522	1519	13442	597
1899.												
January ...	24	388	9	58	102	89	10983	449	553	1655	14286	595
February ...	22	345	7	56	93	96	10275	439	506	1503	13320	605
March	20	358	10	59	88	81	9983	420	503	1421	12923	646
April	22	332	9	76	69	66	10370	434	472	1380	13208	600
May	23	284	6	72	73	66	9568	348	461	1183	12061	524
June	9½	80	3	19	21	19	3644	93	155	439	4473	471
July	21	255	6	50	51	43	7161	218	372	772	8928	425
August ...	23½	264	13	48	56	33	8508	274	384	710	10290	438
September ...	24	316	10	40	60	53	9827	323	466	1097	12192	508
Totals ...	255	3756	104	646	944	753	110439	4282	5335	14666	140925	553

TABLE III.

Reference Department.

LIBRARY STOCK.

CLASS.	No. of Vols. in Library, September, 1898.	Additions during the year.	Present Library Stock 1899.
Art and Sciences	2301	100	2401
Law and Politics	272	8	280
Natural History	608	19	627
Poetry and Drama	164	...	164
Theology and Philosophy	303	5	308
Light Literature	63	1	64
History, Travels, Biography. &c.	1781	26	1807
Miscellaneous	1407	26	1433
Devonshire Library	1295	10	1305
Patent Library	3039*	299	3338*
Total	11233	494	11727

Pamphlets not included in the above.

*Patents are now received singly, and only *completed* volumes are here included.

TABLE IV.

Reference Department.

Showing the Monthly Issue in each Class, the number of Days the Library was open, the Total Volumes issued, and the Daily Average.

MONTH.	Number of Days open.	Science and Art.	Politics and Commerce.	Natural History.	Theology and Philosophy.	Poetry and Drama.	Fiction.	History, Biography, and Travel.	Miscellaneous.	Patent Library.	Books for Blind.	Devonshire Library.	Total.	Daily Average of Volumes.
1898.														
October...	25	302	74	59	111	45	20	200	25	13	...	12	861	35
November	22	319	40	96	63	25	68	127	39	12	...	3	792	36
December	24	487	48	62	67	36	52	171	41	59	...	21	1044	44
1899.														
January...	26	592	66	84	57	32	31	174	54	73	...	63	1226	47
February	24	441	53	70	82	141	62	160	29	53	...	55	1146	48
March ...	22	318	60	80	68	88	35	135	22	400	...	48	1254	57
April ...	24	418	90	62	55	77	30	169	17	33	...	50	1001	42
May ...	25	347	58	93	54	46	19	162	21	2	...	36	838	34
June ...	15	153	17	35	15	16	6	85	7	19	...	12	365	24
July ...	23	214	40	76	38	46	28	133	18	49	...	29	671	29
August ...	26	301	76	65	64	53	25	152	61	2	...	12	811	31
September	26	517	31	82	35	22	31	153	127	16	...	17	1031	40
Totals ...	282	4409	653	864	709	627	407	1821	461	731	...	358	11040	39

TABLE V

Miscellaneous.

MONTH.	Number of New Borrowers.			Number of Cards Cancelled.	Number of Overdue Books written for.	Number of Books Re-bound.	Number of Books Repaired and Numbered.
	Males.	Females.	Children's Departm'nt				
1898.							
October	45	51	31	19	84	15	351
November	53	36	32	72	108	15	444
December...	36	21	18	13	93	...	224
1899.							
January	51	40	22	10	117	...	252
February	36	25	15	9	81	2	344
March	36	29	9	8	106	2	544
April	28	19	18	13	134	5	274
May	28	13	10	12	131	...	305
June	10	9	3	6	46	170	519
July	30	24	3	6	12	64	87
August	18	21	5	15	74	...	121
September	47	31	23	23	85	67	129
Total	418	319	189	206	1071	340	3594

Approximate Total Number of Borrowers' Tickets now in force ... 7,500.

TABLE VI.

Occupations of the Last Thousand of the New Borrowers.

Agents and Collectors	11
Apprentices and Shop Assistants	40
Architects, Surveyors, & Draughtsmen	6
Artists	4
Bakers and Confectioners	9
Barrister-at-Law	1
Bookbinders, Printers, Lithographers and Compositors	21
Boot and Shoe Makers	5
Bricklayers, Builders, and Plasterers	6
Butchers	2
Carpenters, Joiners, and Cabinet Makers	8
Carter	1
Chemists and Druggists	3
China Workers	5
Clergymen and Ministers	13
Clerks and Book-keepers	106
Coachbuilder	1
Commercial Travellers	7
Corn Merchant	1
Cookery Lecturer	1
Cycle Makers	3
Drapers	7
Designer	1
Domestic Servants	10
Dyers	3
Engineers, Moulders, Smiths, Fitters, Boilermakers, and Engine Drivers	50
Errand and Office Boys	23
Engraver	1
Evangelists	2
Factory Hands	35
Farmer	1
Fireman	1
Grocers	11
Hairdressers	8
Horse Driver	1
Housekeepers	8
Inland Revenue Officers	3
Ironmonger	1
Journalists and Reporters	3
Labourers	12
Maltsters and Brewers	3
Milliners and Dressmakers	20
Musicians and Music Teachers	3
Nurses	10
Painters and Paperhangers	10
Photographers	4
Plumbers and Glaziers	3
Policemen	5
Postman	1
Porters, Caretakers, and Attendants	6
Publishers	2
Railway Employès	9
Scholars and Students	46
Saddlers	2
Surgeons, Physicians, and Doctors	3
Shopkeepers and Salesmen	10
Solicitors	2
Tailors, Hatters, and Hosiers	25
Teachers and Pupil Teachers	68
Telegraphists	11
Telegraph Messengers	20
Tobacconists	4
Time-Keeper	1
Turners and Brass Finishers	6
Upholsterers	2
Vocalist	1
Waitress	1
Warehousemen	15
Watchmaker	1
Wine and Spirit Merchant	1
No Occupation	280
	1,000

TABLE VII.

General Summary.

COMPARATIVE RETURNS.	1898.	1899.
Lending Library Replacements	460	256
New Books	692	813
Total Books	19977	20466
,, Issues	145988	140925
Average Daily Issue	567	553
Turnover of each Volume	7·86	6·88
Reference Library :—		
New Books	386	494
Total Books	11233	11727
,, Issues	10253	11040
Average Daily Issue	36	39
New Borrowers	959	926
Total Borrowers (approximate)	7500	7500
Number of Works issued per Borrower	19·5	18·8
Cards Cancelled	211	206
Overdue Books written for	1160	1071
Books Re-bound and Repaired	3736	3934

GENERAL DATA.	
Population (estimated to June, 1899)	106,401
Rateable Value (September, 1899)	£439,752
Amount of Rate Levied	One Penny.
Amount produced by Rate	£1,818
Library Stock	30·2 PER CENT OF POPULATION.

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Donations to the Art Gallery.

Miss Locke.—Two Pictures, "Brutus passing Judgment on his Son," reputed to be by Benjamin West, P.R.A., and "The Mount of Paradise," by Rawson Walker.

Mr. W. Hall, J.P.—Bust of the late Rev. J. G. Pike, modelled by Whitaker.

Donations to the Museum.

Ann, Alderman E. T., J.P., Mayor.—Grizzly Bear.

Crewe, Hugo Harpur, Esq.—Five-Franc Piece of Napoleon I.

Farey, Mrs.—Wing of Flying Fish; Hawaiian Coin.

Gates, F. B., Esq.—Indian Goat.

Abstract of Accounts.

Derby Free

Abstract of the Accounts for the

Dr. **Repairs and Alterations**

	£	s.	d.
To Joiner's, Plumber's, and Painter's Work	14	16	4
,, Locksmith's Work, and Repairing and Maintaining Electric Bells	2	7	7
,, Electrician's Work	11	0	9
,, Barrier in Delivery Room	15	0	0
,, Upholsterer's Work	2	3	2
,, New Book Case	44	15	0
,, Alterations in Library	13	9	11
,, Architect's Fee	2	12	6
	£106	5	3

Salaries and

To W. Crowther, Chief Librarian, Curator, and Secretary	290	0	0
,, W. H. Walton, Assistant Librarian	99	7	6
,, E. J. Crowther ,, ,, ...	55	15	0
,, W. L. Coltman ,, ,, ...	48	2	6
,, G. W. Pullen, Junior Assistant	21	4	0
,, H. White ,, ,, ...	19	13	0
,, T. Goodwin ,, ,, ...	15	16	0
,, Porter's Wages and Assistant Cleaners	84	12	6
,, Watson, Sowter, and Co., Auditors	7	7	0
	£641	17	6

Library

To New Books	313	10	8
,, Binding and Repairing Books and Materials... ...	169	16	3
,, Palæontographical and Harleian Society's Reports ...	2	2	0
,, Printing Cards, Notices, Forms, and Fines Books ...	4	18	0
,, Printing New Catalogue	6	10	0
,, Binding Magazines	18	9	11
,, Boxes for Patents	10	16	8
	£526	3	6

Library, &c.

Year ending September 29, 1899.

To Premises Account. Cr.

	£	s.	d.
By Free Library Revenue Account	106	5	3
	£106	5	3

Wages Account.

By Free Library Revenue Account	641	17	6
	£641	17	6

Account.

By Sale of Catalogues	6	9	7
,, Fines upon Readers for Detention of Books	52	13	1
,, Fees for New Tickets and Post Cards...	10	11	0
,, Lost and Damaged Books	2	3	10
,, Discount	0	4	6
,, Free Library Revenue Account	454	1	6
	£526	3	6

Dr. **Reading and News**

	£	s.	d.
To Magazines and Periodicals	40	19	6
,, Newspapers, Illustrated Papers, &c.	65	7	11
	£106	7	5

Museum

To Purchase, Carriage, and Mounting of Specimens ...	47	3	0
,, New Cases for Medals	46	13	0
,, Printing Labels and Catalogues	5	11	0
,, Gratuity for Special Work (G. Pullen)	5	0	0
,, Collection of Birds (A. E. Brown, Esq.)	50	0	0
	£154	7	0

Arboretum

To Caretaker's Salary	15	18	0
,, Rent of Premises	10	0	0
,, Gas	9	19	11
,, Coal	7	4	7
,, Newspapers, Magazines, &c.	32	9	2
,, Joiner's and Plumber's Work, Ironmongery	7	17	10
,, National Telephone Co., Annual Subscription ...	5	0	0
,, New Mat	2	17	10
,, Miscellaneous Payments	1	12	11
	£93	0	3

Derby

To Free Library Rate at One Farthing in the £, one Quarter to 25th December, 1898	453	3	8
,, Ditto, Quarter ending 25th March, 1899	453	3	8
,, Ditto, Quarter ending 24th June, 1899	454	2	9
,, Ditto, Quarter ending 29th September, 1899... ...	458	1	6
	£1818	11	7

Rooms Accounts. Cr.

	£	s.	d.
By Sale of Old Periodicals, &c.	3	3	1
,, Free Library Revenue Account	103	4	4
	£106	7	5

Account.

By Free Library Revenue Account	154	7	0
	£154	7	0

Branch Account.

By Free Library Revenue Account	93	0	3
	£93	0	3

Corporation.

By Treasurer, Free Library Rate granted Nov. 9th, 1898	453	3	8
,, Ditto, granted February 1st, 1899	453	3	8
,, Ditto, granted May 3rd, 1899	454	2	9
,, Ditto, granted August 2nd, 1899	458	1	6
	£1818	11	7

Dr. **Establishment**

	£	s.	d.
To Gas	12	0	10
,, Electric Light and Meter Rent	119	8	5
,, Water	1	5	0
,, Coal	21	12	1
,, Fire Insurance and Guarantee...	20	5	0
,, Electric Lamps	11	12	4
,, Plants, Bulbs, &c. for Garden	9	5	0
,, Petty Cash Payments by Librarian	46	9	4
,, Printing Annual Reports	9	13	6
,, Various Printing and Stationery	41	13	5
,, Cleaning Windows	13	0	0
,, Property Tax and House Duty	1	4	2
,, Miscellaneous Expenses	7	14	2
,, Commission and Interest Charged by Bankers ...	2	15	2
,, Clothing for Porter	6	0	6
,, Winding and Regulating Clock	3	0	0
,, National Telephone Co., Annual Subscription ...	5	5	0
	£332	3	11

Free Library

To Repairs and Alterations to Premises	106	5	3
,, Salaries and Wages	641	17	6
,, Library	454	1	6
,, Reading and News Rooms	103	4	4
,, Museum	154	7	0
,, Arboretum Branch	93	0	3
,, Establishment	331	1	7
,, Balance	158	5	0
	£2042	2	5

Balance

ASSETS.

To Treasurer	*158	5	0
	£158	5	0

* NOTE.—Books and Binding on Order £100

£100

Account. Cr.

By Derby Mechanics' Institute, Acknowledgment for Encroachment	0	1	0
,, Interest allowed by Bankers	1	1	4
,, Free Library Revenue Account	331	1	7
	£332	3	11

Revenue Account.

By Amount brought forward	223	10	10
,, Quarterly Rates granted by the Derby Corporation...	1818	11	7
	£2042	2	5

Sheet.

LIABILITIES.

By Free Library Revenue Account	158	5	0
	£158	5	0

W. CROWTHER, *Secretary.*

We have examined the several Accounts of the Derby Free Library and Museum for the year ending September 29th, 1899, and hereby certify that they are correct.—Dated this 24th day of October, 1899.

WATSON, SOWTER, & CO., A.C.A.
Auditors appointed by the Corporation.

GEORGE FROST,
JAMES HARWOOD, } *Auditors appointed by the Burgesses.*

JOHN WOOD GANDY, *Auditor appointed by the Mayor.*

Derby Corporation

Abstract of the Accounts for the

Dr. **Wages**

	£	s.	d.
To Wages to Attendant at Turnstile and Charwoman ...	86	18	3
,, Watson, Sowter & Co., Auditors	3	3	0
	£90	1	3

Repairs and

To Joiner's Work	2	16	9
,, New Boiler and Fixing	40	4	2
	£43	0	11

Collection and Carriage of

To Collection and Carriage of Pictures, and obtaining Loans	147	2	6
,, Insurance on Loans	7	16	9
	£154	19	3

Establishment

To Fire Insurance	4	8	6
,, Gas	1	5	9
,, Electric Light and Meter Rent	31	12	6
,, Coal	3	18	5
,, Ironmongery	2	12	5
,, Advertising	4	15	0
,, Printing, Stationery, and Posting	46	17	2
,, Printing Catalogues	46	15	6
,, Printing Programes for Concerts	1	18	6
,, Petty Cash Payments by Curator	15	0	10
,, Interest and Commission charged by Bankers ...	10	14	3
,, Attendant's Clothing	9	0	0
,, Property Tax	2	15	6
,, Photographic Exhibition—Judge's Fee and Medals...	7	2	6
	£188	16	10

Art Gallery.

Year ending September 29th, 1899.

Account.

Cr.

	£	s.	d.
By Art Gallery Account	90	1	3
	£90	1	3

Alterations Account.

By Art Gallery Account	43	0	11
	£43	0	11

Pictures and Loans Account.

By Art Gallery Account	154	19	3
	£154	19	3

Account.

	£	s.	d.			
By Advertisements in Catalogue	23	9	0			
,, Sale of Catalogues	15	3	7			
				38	12	7
,, Art Gallery Account				150	4	3
				£188	16	10

Dr. **Derby Corporation**

	£	s.	d.
To Balance brought forward	418	15	3
	£418	15	3

Art Gallery

To Wages	90	1	3
,, Repairs and Alterations	43	0	11
,, Collection, Carriage, and Insurance of Pictures ...	154	19	3
,, Establishment	150	4	3
,, Error in Cheque...	0	0	3
	£438	5	11

Balance

ASSETS.

To Art Gallery Revenue Account	381	5	3
	£381	5	3

Account.

Cr.

	£	s.	d.
By Derby Corporation, Amount owing to Banker at 29th September, 1897	418	15	0
,, Art Gallery Revenue Account	0	0	3
	£418	15	3

Revenue Account.

	£	s.	d.			
By Autumn Exhibition, 1898-9.						
Receipts at Turnstile	14	3	0			
Commission on Pictures sold ...	0	2	0			
				14	5	0
,, Spring Exhibition, 1899.						
Receipts at Turnstile	20	0	1			
Commission on Pictures sold ...	6	13	6			
				26	13	7
,, Summer Exhibition, 1899.						
Receipts at Turnstile	15	13	7			
Commission on Pictures sold ...	0	8	6			
				16	2	1
,, Balance (deficiency)				381	5	3
				£438	5	11

Sheet.

Liabilities.

By Treasurer...	381	5	3
	£381	5	3

W. CROWTHER, *Curator and Secretary.*

We have examined the several Accounts of the Derby Art Gallery for the year ending 29th September, 1899, and hereby certify that they are correct.

Dated this 20th day of October, 1899.

WATSON, SOWTER & CO., A.C.A.
Auditors appointed by the Corporation.

GEORGE FROST,
JAMES HARWOOD, } *Auditors appointed by the Burgesses.*

JOHN WOOD GANDY, *Auditor appointed by the Mayor.*

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Report of the Art Gallery Committee,

PRESENTED TO THE TOWN COUNCIL,

NOVEMBER 9th, 1900

J. W. SIMPSON, PRINTER, ALBERT STREET.

COUNTY BOROUGH OF DERBY.

Twenty-ninth Annual Report

OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE

DERBY FREE LIBRARY

and MUSEUM,

AND

EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

ART GALLERY COMMITTEE.

Presented to the Town Council, November 9th, 1900.

DERBY:
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1900.

List of Committees and Officials.

Library and Museum Committee.

Mr. Alderman FLETCHER, Mayor, *ex-officio.*

Mr. Alderman G. BOTTOMLEY, J.P., Chairman.

Mr Alderman	DUESBURY, J.P.	Mr. Councillor	WINTER.
,, ,,	HARRISON, J.P.	,,	H. ARNOLD BEMROSE, M.A
,, ,,	RUSSELL, J.P.	,,	W. BEMROSE, J.P.
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,, ,,	SHACKLETON.	,,	H. M. HOBSON.
,, ,,	SMITH.	Rev.	G. HUNSWORTH, M.A.
,, ,,	WILSON, M.A., J.P.	Mr.	W. J. PIPER, J.P.

Mr. A. H. STOKES, A.M., F.G.S.

Art Gallery Committee.

Mr. Alderman FLETCHER, Mayor, *ex-officio.*

Mr. WILLIAM BEMROSE, J.P., Chairman.

Mr. Alderman SOWTER, J.P., Vice-Chairman.

Mr. Alderman	ANN, J.P.	Mr. Councillor	HORNE, J.P.
,, ,,	BOTTOMLEY, J.P.	,, ,,	A. WILSON, M.A., J.P
,, ,,	HARRISON, J.P.	,, ,,	WINTER.
,, Councillor	FRANKLIN.	,,	C. B. KEENE.

Mr. GEO. TURNER.

Librarian, Curator, and Secretary.

Mr. WILLIAM CROWTHER.

Assistant Librarians.

Mr. W. H. WALTON. Miss ETHEL J. CROWTHER.

Mr. W. LOUIS COLTMAN.

Junior Assistants.

Miss HELEN J. WHITE S. LAUGHTON.

Porter—GEORGE PULLEN.

Art Gallery Attendant—J. FOLEY.

COUNTY BOROUGH OF DERBY.

Twenty-ninth Annual Report

OF THE

Free Library and Museum Committee,

For the year ended September 29th, 1900.

THE Free Library and Museum Committee have pleasure in laying before the Town Council their Twenty-ninth Annual Report.

They are glad to state that the Library and Museum are in a prosperous condition. The present premises have been occupied for twenty-one years, the building having been opened on June 28th, 1879. A few figures by way of comparison will show the progress that has been made. In 1879 we had 9,662 books in the Lending Library, and 2,002 in the Reference Department. The numbers now are 21,414 and 13,010 respectively, and the total is 33,424, against 11,668. The Library as a whole is therefore nearly three times the size, while the most valuable portion has been multiplied by six, or thereabouts. In the twenty-one years more than three millions of books have been issued for home reading, and about half a million from the Reference Department have been consulted on the premises. The total number of visitors to the Institution averages not less than three-quarters of a million annually. The Committee think that this is a good record for a single institution without any branches. The branch Reading Room established at the Arboretum in 1895 continues to prosper, and during the past year has been

visited by 150,000 readers. Doubtless as the town increases, other branches will have to be established, and the Committee are very glad indeed that the Council at its last meeting sanctioned the insertion of a clause in the Bill to be shortly introduced into Parliament, which provides for the levying of such portion of an additional penny rate as may be from time to time required. The Committee will be as economical in the future as they have been in the past, and are not likely to make use of the additional powers till circumstances force on them the necessity of providing additional branches.

The re-arrangement of the Museum progresses steadily. A few donations of value have been received, and the Committee have done a good deal in the distribution of duplicate specimens of minerals and fossils, of which a large number have gone to the Municipal Technical College, and also to the Training College and several smaller institutions.

The only serious expense incurred during the year has been the provision of a new Indicator, which could not longer be deferred. It provides for thirty thousand books, quite as large a number as we shall have shelf accommodation for in the present premises. Opportunity was taken at the same time to commence afresh with the borrowers' register, a work which had long needed doing. The property generally is in a good state of repair, but portions of the interior will want re-painting during the coming year, and we await a report from the Borough Surveyor as to certain repairs to the outer fabric which are becoming urgent.

The thanks of the Committee are due to all the donors of books, magazines, newspapers, and museum specimens during the past year, and they desire once more to acknowledge the efficient work done by Mr. Crowther and his staff, who labour diligently and with udgment for the good of the Institution. The usual statistical tables compiled by the Librarian are appended to this report, and to them we refer all those interested in the inner working of the Institution.

On behalf of the Committee,

GEORGE BOTTOMLEY,

October 25th, 1900. *Chairman.*

Librarian's Report.

To the Committee, for the year ended September 30th, 1900.

GENTLEMEN,

IT gives me much pleasure to place before you my Fifteenth Annual Report. As far as I know, it presents no new features, but it seems a desirable thing to detach some of the main facts from the tables which follow, in order to put a short sketch of the Institution during the past year in a convenient form for the perusal of those who are interested in its work.

The books in the Lending Library now number 21,414, and of these 824 have been added as new books during the past year, while 487 are replacements of books withdrawn as worn-out, either during this year or last. Books withdrawn as worn-out this year number 352, being 200 less than last year; five books have been lost and paid for; and five have been totally lost. One volume, which was in an infected house, has been destroyed. The issues this year show a considerable decline, as I have reported to you month by month, the total issues being something like 18,000 less than last year's. The Library has been open twelve days less, which will partially account for the diminution, but not for the decrease in the daily average, which amounts to 51. This decline in the issues is general all over the country, and I need not recapitulate the various reasons which have been urged in explanation. Probably the chief one is the continuance of good trade, and consequently less leisure, much of which has been employed in reading newspapers which have been unusually full of stirring news during the last twelve months. The fact is certain, that the principal decrease is in the reading which is done for amusement and recreation. I find that roughly speaking 15,000 out of the 18,000 above quoted are works of fiction, which leaves our amount of solid reading about the same. The average in the Children's Library is only one lower, and in the Reference Department only five. The number of books in the Reference

Department is now 12,010, of which 283 have been added during the year. The Patent Library, which is included in the above number, now contains 3,454 volumes, of which 116 were added in the same period. The smaller issues bring several effects in their train; we have had to levy less fines; about 200 less books have been withdrawn as worn-out; and one thousand less have passed through the binder's hands for repairs, great or small.

The erection of a new Indicator necessitated a great change in our system of issuing. The staff have readily adapted themselves to it, however, and if not quite so rapid as our old method, it lends itself less readily to inaccuracy, and it has passed beyond the experimental stage, and the public are beginning to understand it. A complete overhauling of our list of borrowers and guarantors has for a long time been a necessity, and when we re-opened with the new Indicator, each borrower had to make a fresh application, and the guarantee will now have to be renewed every two years. For the new register we have adopted the card system, which works admirably, and will automatically check time-expired tickets. The usual table of borrowers' occupations is of very recent date, and shows that we still cater for all classes. The distribution among the wards is shown in the following table, about which there is no special remark to make.

WARD.	Per Thousand.	
	Actual Number of Borrowers.	Number to be expected according to Population.
Arboretum	165	168
Babington	190	122
Becket	226	198
Castle	45	115
Derwent	79	64
Friar Gate	141	113
King's Mead	101	145
Litchnrch	53	75

If there has been a falling off in the issues of the Library, the Newsrooms have shown a very different result, for never have they been more extensively or more continuously used, and I am glad to report that I have not had a single complaint about the behaviour of those frequenting them during the whole year, nor has there been any serious complaint to make about the treatment of the books.

Pressure of other business has delayed the completion of the remaining sections of the Catalogue, but the work is well in hand, and I can safely say now that the Lending Department Catalogue will be complete before the issue of my next Annual Report.

The work of the year has been very pleasant, if arduous. My staff continue to work diligently and well, and no Committee could be better served as far as they are concerned. I have found the press as ready as ever to help me in many matters where I deemed publicity about our work would be an advantage, and I gladly acknow- the co-operation of the public in carrying out our regulations. With regard to the ready help and assistance I get from one and all of the members of my Committee, I can only repeat what I have said in former years, that my work is made a pleasure by your thoughtful consideration.

I remain, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

WILLIAM CROWTHER,

October 25th, 1900. *Librarian, Curator, and Secretary.*

Eighteenth Annual Report

OF THE

Corporation Art Gallery Committee.

THE Art Gallery Committee have pleasure in presenting to the Town Council their Eighteenth Annual Report, and in congratulating the Corporation on the continued usefulness and prosperity of the Institution.

A glance at the table of the number of visitors given below shows that the average attendance is still very good. The total number is less than that of last year, a fact easily accounted for. In the first place, the Curator found himself unable to continue the Saturday concerts last winter; the Summer Exhibition, although valuable to the art student, was not of the usual interest to the general public; and, finally, the Gallery was open for thirty days less than last year. It will be noticed that the average attendance on free days is about seven times as great as that on other days.

	1897-98	1898-99	1899-1900
Visitors to Autumn Exhibition ..	12948	13302	10786
,, Spring ,, ..	14720	15382	17199
,, Summer ,, ..	13766	15855	9945
Total Visitors	41434	44539	37930
Total Days Open by Payment.. ..	163	172	152
,, ,, Free	83	90	80
Total Days Open ..	246	262	232
Average on Paying Days	60	58	51
,, Free Days	381	384	378

There have been three Exhibitions during the past year. Those in the Autumn and Spring were of the usual character, and consisted of the best work by modern artists that could be obtained, many of the leading artists in both Oil and Water Colours being represented at one or both Exhibitions. Local artists were also well in evidence, and it is a cheering sign that their work shows steady improvement. From the two Exhibitions fifty-four pictures were sold, a very satisfactory result, and the Art Union was more successful than for several years past. For the Summer Exhibition the Board of Education lent a valuable collection of water colours, engravings, and lithographs illustrating ancient Pompeii, and the proprietors of the *Graphic* some interesting original sketches. The thanks of the Committee and the Council are also due to Messrs. Henry Graves & Co., the eminent Fine Art dealers, for valuable loans during the year.

The Autumn Exhibition, which was opened on October 23rd, is a highly attractive one, and the Committee confidently expect a large number of visitors. Mr. George Woodiwiss, J.P., D.L., of Bath, has kindly contributed some of the most important pictures from his choice collection to add to the interest of this Exhibition.

The Committee desire to acknowledge once more the courtesy of the authorities of the Victoria and Albert Museum, who, as usual before changing the loan collection, consulted them as to the most desirable objects to send. The articles displayed in the four cases lent by the Board of Education, will be found to be eminently suitable for study by those interested in the Art industries of the town and neighbourhood.

The Committee desire to thank the Council for acquiring some of the property adjacent to the Gallery for the purposes of future extension, and they hope that further opportunities in the same direction will be taken advantage of. The Gallery is quite full, and at every Exhibition numbers of pictures submitted have to be rejected for want of room.

The building is in a satisfactory state of repair, and the Upper Gallery was repainted in July last. The staircase and Lower Gallery will be done at the first convenient opportunity. The ordinary expenses have been kept at the lowest possible level, consistent

with efficiency, and the amount to be asked for from the Council is £41 less than last year, and £78 less than in 1898. The total cost to the Council represents rather less than a rate of one-fifth of a penny in the pound. The Committee are quite justified in asserting that in no other town of the size of Derby is the Art Gallery kept in a higher state of efficiency and usefulness, or at a less cost.

The Committee once again acknowledge with pleasure the zeal and tact with which the Curator, Mr. Crowther, discharges his duties.

On behalf of the Committee,

WILLIAM BEMROSE,

Chairman.

Art Gallery, Oct. 23rd, 1900.

Statistical Tables.

TABLE I.

Lending Department.

LIBRARY STOCK.

CLASS.	1 Number of Volumes in Library, September, 1899.	2 Volumes lost and paid for.	3 Volumes from infected houses destroyed.	4 Volumes Totally Lost.	5 Volumes Withdrawn as worn out.	6 Total.	Stock reduced as per Column 6.	Number of Books Replaced.	Number of New Books.	Present Library Stock, 1900.	Total Increase.	Percentage of Books in each Class.
Arts and Sciences	1997	...	...	...	3	3	1994	...	30	2024	27	9·45
Law and Politics	306	...	...	...	...	...	306	...	11	317	11	1·49
Natural History	525	...	...	...	...	...	525	...	14	539	14	2·52
Poetry and Drama	695	...	...	...	1	1	694	1	6	701	6	3·27
Theology and Philosophy ...	1084	...	...	...	1	1	1083	...	29	1112	28	5·19
Light Literature	5874	3	1	3	250	257	5617	331	356	6304	430	29·44
Children's Department ...	1621	1	...	...	84	85	1536	142	118	1796	175	8·39
History, Travels, & Biography	6546	1	...	1	1	3	6543	1	199	6743	197	31·48
Miscellaneous	1818	...	...	1	12	13	1805	12	61	1878	60	8·77
Totals	20466	5	1	5	352	363	20103	487	824	21414	948	100·00

TABLE II.

Lending Department.

Showing the Monthly Issue in each Class, the Number of Days the Library was open, the Total Volumes Issued, and the Daily Average.

MONTH.	Number of Days Open.	Science and Art.	Politics and Commerce.	Natural History	Theology and Philosophy.	Poetry and Drama.	Fiction.	History, Biography, and Travel.	Miscellaneous.	Children's Library.	Total.	Daily Average of Volumes.
1899.												
October	24	364	16	47	59	75	10098	340	489	1431	12919	538
November	23½	345	28	60	71	70	10009	389	494	1503	12969	552
December ..	17½	208	8	41	79	43	8270	328	448	1139	10564	604
1900.												
January	24½	350	14	44	72	52	10077	438	507	1445	12999	531
February... ..	22	345	20	51	62	64	9668	407	466	1376	12459	566
March	25	406	17	106	82	75	11369	542	571	1547	14715	589
April ..	17½	258	6	48	57	43	8630	365	449	1293	11149	637
May...	24	278	5	64	60	49	9893	373	501	1303	12526	522
June	7	53	1	10	12	9	2666	97	142	320	3310	473
July...	13	73	2	16	19	24	2021	107	116	437	2815	217
August ...	23½	173	2	37	43	28	5433	193	269	844	7022	299
September ...	23	255	9	54	58	27	6902	284	325	1053	8967	390
Totals	244½	3108	128	578	674	559	95036	3863	4777	13691	122414	501

TABLE III.

Reference Department.

LIBRARY STOCK.

CLASS.	No. of Vols. in Library, September, 1899.	Additions during the year.	Present Library Stock, 1900.
Art and Sciences	2401	55	2456
Law and Politics	280	7	287
Natural History	627	15	642
Poetry and Drama	164	...	164
Theology and Philosophy	308	4	312
Light Literature	64	1	65
History, Travels, Biography, &c.	1807	28	1835
Miscellaneous	1433	40	1473
Devonshire Library	1305	17	1322
Patent Library	3338*	116	3454*
Total	11727	283	12010

Pamphlets not included in the above.

* Patents are now received singly, and only *completed* volumes are here included.

TABLE IV.

Reference Department.

Showing the Monthly Issue in each Class, the number of Days the Library was open, the Total Volumes issued, and the Daily Average.

MONTH.	Number of Days open.	Science and Art.	Politics and Commerce.	Natural History.	Theology and Philosophy.	Poetry and Drama.	Fiction.	History, Biography, and Travel.	Miscellaneous.	Patent Library.	Books for Blind.	Devonshire Library.	TOTAL.	Daily Average of Volumes.
1899.														
October ...	26	373	88	110	40	44	25	202	37	43	...	25	987	38·0
November	26	435	87	114	70	36	24	190	43	30	...	29	1058	40·7
December	18½	192	51	27	33	20	5	75	15	52	...	14	484	26·2
1900.														
January...	27	385	49	63	98	31	14	149	26	33	...	15	863	32·0
February	24	338	69	59	71	44	15	135	32	26	...	37	826	34·4
March ...	27	470	58	132	88	38	9	177	31	215	...	22	1240	46·0
April ...	19	221	32	72	45	72	5	104	27	8	...	13	599	31·6
May ...	26	224	43	62	74	37	10	142	10	265	...	20	887	34·2
June ...	12	98	15	28	28	8	6	48	5	33	...	16	285	23·8
July ...	14	129	17	64	36	24	9	93	26	14	...	9	421	30·0
August ...	26	247	50	84	94	46	34	124	71	31	...	33	814	31·3
September	25	311	67	85	52	55	33	143	29	15	...	38	828	33·2
Totals ...	270½	3423	626	900	729	455	189	1582	352	765	...	271	9292	34·4

TABLE V.

Occupations of the Last Thousand of the New Borrowers.

Accountants	4
Agents and Collectors	14
Apprentices and Shop Assistants	25
Architects, Surveyors, & Draughtsmen	14
Artificial Limb Maker	1
Artists	3
Auctioneer and Valuer	1
Bakers and Confectioners	3
Barmaid	1
Brewers	2
Bookbinders, Printers, Lithographers, and Compositors	12
Boot and Shoe Maker	1
Bricklayer	1
Butchers	7
Candlestick Maker	1
Carpenters, Joiners, and Cabinet Makers	10
Carvers and Gilders	2
Chemists and Druggists	11
China Dealer	1
China Workers	5
Clergymen and Ministers	10
Coachmen	2
Clerks, Bookkeepers, and Cashiers	118
Coach Builders	3
Coal Merchant	1
Commercial Travellers	8
Cycle Maker	1
Dairymen	2
Dispensers	2
Domestic Servants	13
Drapers	7
Engineers, Moulders, Smiths, Fitters, Boiler Makers, and Engine Drivers	32
Electricians	8
Engraver	1
Factory Hands	26
Farmer	1
Grocers	4
Hairdressers	2
Housekeepers	11
Ironmonger	1
Inland Revenue Officer	1
Jewellers and Watchmakers	7
Journalists and Reporters	2
Labourers	9
Milliners, Dressmakers, & Mantlemakers	14
Mechanics	6
Musicians and Music Teachers	5
Nurses	7
Painters and Paperhangers	6
Pawnbroker	1
Photographer	1
Piano Tuner	1
Plumbers and Glaziers	6
Policeman	1
Porters, Caretakers, & Attendants	2
Publicans	4
Restaurant Keeper	1
Railway Employés	2
Sanitary Inspector	1
Scholars and Students	10
Stationer	1
Slater	1
Surgeon	1
Solicitor	1
Shopkeepers and Salesmen	2
Sign Writer	1
Soap Manufacturer	1
School Board Officer	1
Tailors, Hatters, and Hosiers	15
Tape Manufacturer	1
Teachers and Pupil Teachers	90
Telegraphists	4
Telegraph Messengers	8
Telephone Operator	1
Tobacconists	2
Turners and Brass Finishers	6
Typists	2
Upholsterer	1
Warehousemen	5
Wheelmaker	1
No Occupation	396
	1,000

TABLE VI.

General Summary.

COMPARATIVE RETURNS.	1899.	1900.
Lending Library Replacements	256	487
New Books	813	824
Total Books	20466	21414
,, Issues	140925	122414
Average Daily Issue	553	501
Turnover of each Volume	6·88	5·72
Reference Library:—		
New Books	494	283
Total Books	11727	12010
,, Issues	11040	9292
Average Daily Issue	39	35
Overdue Books written for	1071	873
Books Re-bound and Repaired	3934	2996

GENERAL DATA.	
Population (estimated to June, 1900)	107,991
Rateable Value (September, 1900)	£441,600
Amount of Rate Levied	One Penny.
Amount produced by Rate	£1,840
Library Stock...	32·3 PER CENT. OF POPULATION.

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Hayes, Mrs.—Indian Cobra.

Abstract of Accounts.

Derby Free

ABSTRACT OF THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE

Dr. Repairs and Alterations

	£	s.	d.
To Joiner's, Plumber's, and Painter's Work	46	5	4
„ Locksmith's and Electrician's Work	7	19	2
„ Cabinet Maker's and Upholsterer's Work	14	12	11
„ Raising Chimney	12	4	0
„ Flagstaff and Flag	8	5	0
	£89	6	5

Salaries and

To W. Crowther, Chief Librarian, Curator, and Secretary	290	0	0
„ W. H. Walton, Assistant Librarian	97	10	0
„ E. J. Crowther „ „	58	10	0
„ W. L. Coltman „ „	52	0	0
„ H. J. White, Junior Assistant	20	16	0
„ T. Goodwin „ „	18	4	0
„ S. Laughton „ „	14	19	6
„ Porter's Wages and Assistant Cleaners	83	0	9
„ Watson, Sowter, and Co., Auditors	7	7	0
	£642	7	3

Library

To New Books	308	19	11
„ Binding and Repairing Books and Materials	131	19	11
„ Palæontographical and Harleian Society's Reports ...	2	2	0
„ Printing Cards, Notices, Forms, and Fines Books ...	35	14	2
„ Binding Magazines	19	13	10
„ New Indicator	167	10	0
	£665	19	10

Library, &c.

YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 29, 1900.

to Premises Account, Cr.

	£	s.	d.
By Free Library Revenue Account	89	6	5
	£89	6	5

Wages Account.

By Free Library Revenue Account	642	7	3
	£642	7	3

Account.

By Sale of Catalogues	8	4	8
,, Fines upon Readers for Detention of Books	42	0	10
,, Fees for New Tickets and Post Cards	13	19	9
,, Lost and Damaged Books	1	8	5
,, Free Library Revenue Account	600	6	2
	£665	19	10

Dr.

Reading and News

	£	s.	d.
To Magazines and Periodicals	40	4	2
,, Newspapers, Illustrated Papers, &c.	71	1	2
	£111	5	4

Museum

To Purchase, Carriage, and Mounting of Specimens ...	14	10	3
,, Stands for Birds	4	8	3
,, Printing Labels	1	10	9
	£20	9	3

Arboretum

To Caretaker's Salary	15	12	0
,, Rent of Premises	10	0	0
,, Gas	11	1	6
,, Coal	9	15	6
,, Newspapers, Magazines, &c.	33	13	1
,, Joiner's and Plumber's Work, Ironmongery	2	1	7
,, National Telephone Co., Annual Subscription ...	5	0	0
,, Miscellaneous Payments	3	18	2
	£91	1	10

Derby

To Free Library Rate at One Farthing in the £, one Quarter to 25th December, 1899	460	0	0
,, Ditto, Quarter ending 25th March, 1900	460	0	0
,, Ditto, Quarter ending 24th June, 1900	460	0	0
,, Ditto, Quarter ending 29th September, 1900	460	0	0
	£1840	0	0

Rooms Accounts.

Cr.

	£	s.	d.
By Sale of Old Periodicals, &c.	3	6	2
,, Free Library Revenue Account	107	19	2
	£111	5	4

Account.

By Free Library Revenue Account	20	9	3
	£20	9	3

Branch Account.

By Free Library Revenue Account	91	1	10
	£91	1	10

Corporation.

By Treasurer, Free Library Rate granted Nov. 9th, 1899	460	0	0
,, Ditto, granted February 7th, 1900	460	0	0
,, Ditto, granted May 2nd, 1900	460	0	0
,, Ditto, granted August 1st, 1900	460	0	0
	£1840	0	0

Dr. **Establishment**

	£	s.	d.
To Gas	11	5	8
,, Electric Light	106	5	10
,, Water	1	13	4
,, Coal	37	16	4
,, Fire Insurance and Guarantee	20	5	0
,, Electric Lamps	15	16	7
,, Plants, Bulbs, &c. for Garden	8	19	3
,, New Office Desk	12	5	9
,, Petty Cash Payments by Librarian	46	19	8
,, Printing Annual Reports	9	12	6
,, Various Printing and Stationery	8	16	4
,, Cleaning Windows	10	0	0
,, Property Tax and House Duty	1	4	2
,, Miscellaneous Expenses	8	6	3
,, Commission and Interest Charged by Bankers ...	2	7	6
,, Clothing for Porter	6	0	6
,, Winding and Regulating Clock	3	0	0
,, National Telephone Co., Annual Subscription	5	10	0
	£316	4	8

Free Library

To Repairs and Alterations to Premises	89	6	5
,, Salaries and Wages...	642	7	3
,, Library	600	6	2
,, Reading and News Rooms	107	19	2
,, Museum	20	9	3
,, Arboretum Branch	91	1	10
,, Establishment	315	3	1
,, Balance	131	11	10
	£1998	5	0

Assets.

To Treasurer	*131	11	10
	£131	11	10

*Note—Books and Binding on order £100.

Account. Cr.

	£	s.	d.
By Derby Mechanic's Institute, Acknowledgment for Encroachment	0	1	0
„ Interest allowed by Bankers	1	0	7
„ Free Library Revenue Account	315	3	1
	£316	4	8

Revenue Account.

By Amount brought forward	158	5	0
„ Quarterly Rates granted by the Derby Corporation ...	1840	0	0
	£1998	5	0

LIABILITIES.

By Free Library Revenue Account	131	11	10
	£131	11	10

We have examined the several Accounts of the Derby Free Library and Museum for the year ending September 29th, 1900, and hereby certify that they are correct.—Dated this 9th day of October, 1900.

WATSON, SOWTER, & CO., A.C.A.
Auditors appointed by the Corporation.

GEORGE FROST,
JAMES HARWOOD, } *Auditors appointed by the Burgesses.*

HENRY J. BLOUNT, *Auditor appointed by the Mayor.*

Derby Corporation

ABSTRACT OF THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE

Dr.

Wages

	£	s.	d
To Wages to Attendant at Turnstile and Charwoman ...	85	19	3
,, Watson, Sowter and Co., Auditors	3	3	0
	£89	2	3

Repairs and

To Joiner's and Plumber's Work	9	6	3
,, Re-laying Floor	7	3	4
,, Painting Upper Gallery	30	19	1
	£47	8	8

Collection and Carriage of

To Collection and Carriage of Pictures, and obtaining Loans	139	2	0
	£139	2	0

Establishment

To Fire Insurance	4	8	6
,, Gas	1	0	8
,, Electric Light and Meter Rent	31	14	6
,, Coke	6	19	2
,, Ironmongery	1	5	11
,, Advertising	2	10	0
,, Printing, Stationery, and Posting	32	2	7
,, Printing Catalogues	36	0	9
,, Small Repairs to Frames	2	16	0
,, Petty Cash Payments by Curator	18	3	5
,, Interest and Commission charged by Bankers ...	10	11	7
,, Attendant's Clothing	3	0	0
,, Property Tax	2	15	6
	£153	8	7

Art Gallery.

YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 29, 1900.

Account.

Cr.

	£	s.	d.
By Art Gallery Account	89	2	3
	£89	2	3

Alterations Account.

By Art Gallery Account	47	8	8
	£47	8	8

Pictures and Loan Account.

By Art Gallery Account	139	2	0
	£139	2	0

Account.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Advertisements in Catalogue	23	1	0			
,, Sale of Catalogues	11	19	10			
				35	0	10
,, Art Gallery Account				118	7	9
				£153	8	7

Dr. **Derby Corporation**

	£	s.	d.
To Balance brought forward	381	5	3
	£381	5	3

Art Gallery

To Wages	89	2	3
„ Repairs and Alterations	47	8	8
„ Collection, Carriage, and Insurance of Pictures ...	139	2	0
„ Establishment	118	7	9
	£394	0	8

Balance

ASSETS.

To Art Gallery Revenue Account	341	0	0
	£341	0	0

Account.

	£	s.	d.
By Derby Corporation, Amount owing to Banker at 29th September, 1899	381	5	3
	£381	5	3

Revenue Account.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Autumn Exhibition, 1899-1900.						
Receipts at Turnstile	8	17	4			
Commission on Pictures sold ...	10	14	3			
				19	11	7
,, Spring Exhibition, 1900.						
Receipts at Turnstile	15	5	10			
Commission on Pictures sold ...	7	17	0			
				23	2	10
,, Summer Exhibition, 1900.						
Receipts at Turnstile				10	6	3
,, Balance (deficiency)				341	0	0
				£394	0	8

Sheet.

Liabilities.

	£	s.	d.
By Treasurer	341	0	0
	£341	0	0

W. CROWTHER, *Curator and Secretary.*

We have examined the several Accounts of the Derby Art Gallery for the year ending 29th September, 1900, and hereby certify that they are correct.

Dated this 11th day of October, 1900.

WATSON, SOWTER & CO., A.C.A.

Auditors appointed by the Corporation.

GEORGE FROST,
JAMES HARWOOD, } *Auditors appointed by the Burgesses.*

HENRY J. BLOUNT, *Auditor appointed by the Mayor.*

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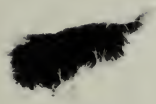

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